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Pesticide Exposures In Urban Settings How to Recognize and Manage Pesticide Illness



PSR-LA Environmental Health Ambassador Training

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Saturday, December 5, 2009 | 9am-2pm

St. John's Well Child and Family Center at Magnolia Place | 1910 S. Magnolia Ave., Los Angeles 90007

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Free for current PSR-LA members. Breakfast and light lunch provided.

More than half of pesticide-related poisonings cases in California are due to non-agricultural use, including home use insecticides. In California, urban use of pesticides in and around our homes, schools, workplaces and communities equals or exceeds all in-state agricultural use of these chemicals. Over the long-term, exposure to pesticides has been linked to cancers, birth defects, reproductive and developmental harm, damage to brain function, and disruption of the body's hormone system — health impacts that can occur months or years after exposure.*

Join PSR-LA's Environmental Health Ambassador Program for a health professional training on how to recognize and manage pesticide illness, conducted by pesticides expert, Dr. Michael O'Malley of UC Davis. Also, learn how to get involved in state-wide policy reform to protect human health from pesticides.

*Resources: Moran, K, Pesticide Use in Urban Surface Water, Pesticide Use Trends Annual Report 2006, Environmental, June, 2006. California Department of Pesticide Regulation. www.cdpr.ca.gov

About the PSR-LA Environmental Health Ambassador Program:

The PSR-LA Ambassador Program provides issue and skills training for physicians and health professionals on how be effective advocates with policymakers, the media, their peers, and the general public. As a physician-based organization, PSR-LA's strength lies in its ability to bring the credible voice of physicians and health professionals to policy debates. PSR-LA's Ambassador Program develops the capacity of our members to become champions for change.

Pesticides Training Objectives:

This training will cover clinical skills related to:

- Legal reporting requirements for physicians.
- Common pesticide exposure routes.
- How to diagnose pesticide illness.
- How to manage and treat acute pesticide illness.
- Insecticide, fungicide, fumigant and herbicide toxicology, diagnosis and management.
- Chronic health effects of pesticide exposure.

Policy and advocacy skill building topics to include:

- How clinical work is a cornerstone of effective policy change.
- Overview of the legislative process and the health professional's role in policy.
- PSR-LA's role in school, local, and state-wide pesticide reform.