

Workshop on Children's Health and the Environment
Johannesburg, South Africa
August 4, 2010

An important workshop will be held on August 4, 2010 in Johannesburg, South Africa. In collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Pediatric Association (IPA) is sponsoring a 1-day workshop on Children's Health and the Environment. During this workshop, pediatricians will learn about the effects of environmental contamination on the health of children. The course is designed for doctors and other health professionals who plan to teach other providers about children's health and the environment. We will discuss how providers from countries throughout the world can work together to help improve the environment for tomorrow's children. This issue is a cross-cutting one that may be every bit as important as nutrition in its overall impact on child health.

Learning Objectives

After this workshop, pediatricians will:

1. Identify risks to children from environmental tobacco smoke, chemicals (e.g. lead, mercury, pesticides, persistent organic pollutants), air, water and food contaminants, emerging issues (e.g. endocrine disruptors, climate change), household and industrial products, and other environmental hazards;
2. Describe how to recognize, diagnose, prevent and manage adverse effects linked to these environmental risk factors;
3. Describe why children may be at increased risk of adverse health outcomes and developmental consequences from environmental exposures to chemical, physical and biological agents;
4. Describe when and how the fetus, the child and the adolescent may be exposed to environmental hazards in different rural and urban settings;
5. Discuss a wide spectrum of exposures including exposures to men and women prior to conception and exposures because of particular cultural practices and diets, poverty, or malnutrition;
6. Practice becoming leaders in environmental health education and prevention in the community.

We hope that you will consider attending or sending a representative to join us in taking action on the many environmental threats to children's health. Please visit the IPA website <http://www.ipa-world.org> (click on "Key Program Areas") or contact IPA at adminoffice@ipa-world.org if you would like to place your name on a list to receive additional information and a registration form for this workshop.