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## 35th Annual Purdue Industrial Waste Conference, May 13–15

■ The 35th Annual Purdue Industrial Waste Conference will be held May 13–15, 1980, in the Stewart Center, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind. About 100 technical papers will be presented on various subjects relating to industrial waste treatment. More than 800 conferees from industry, education, and government institutions throughout the world are expected.

For details about registration and attendance, contact Dr. J. D. Wolszon, Purdue Industrial Waste Conference, Civil Engineering Bldg., Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind. 47907.

# Conference Examines Use of Nurse Practitioners and Physician's Assistants

■ Restructuring of the reimbursement rates for nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician's assistants (PAs) could help minimize costs and assure effective health services delivery, according to a research planning conference on the use of nonphysician health care extenders. Terming the current reimbursement system incompatible with the needs for quality assurance and cost containment, conference participants recommended immediate reimbursement for NPs and PAs based on the kinds of services provided.

The conference, organized by the National Rural Center and jointly sponsored by DHEW's National Center for Health Services Research and the Bureau of Health Manpower, brought together 90 health care professionals to evaluate many aspects of the education and use of nurse practitioners and physician's assistants. Research needs were assessed, and policy recommendations were made concerning the impact of NPs and PAs on the delivery of health and medical services.

The conference proceedings, "Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants: A Research Agenda," DHEW Publication No. (PHS) 79-3235, are available without charge from the National Center for Health Services Research, Rm. 7-44, 3700 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, Md. 20782 (telephone: 301/436-8970). Requests for materials accompanied by self-addressed, adhesive mailing labels are appreciated.

### International Teaching Seminar on Cardiovascular Epidemiology and Prevention

■ The 13th Ten-Day International Teaching Seminar on Cardiovascular Epidemiology and Prevention of the Council on Epidemiology and Prevention, International Society and Federation of Cardiology, is to be held near Kaunas, Lithuanian S.S.R., U.S.S.R., August 16–29, 1980. This meeting is held in association with the World Health Organization and local hosts.

Approximately 30 Fellows can be accepted. The final selection will be made by the Council's Seminar Committee. Nominees should be interested in cardiovascular disease and epidemiology and normally should be at the postgraduate level with some residency training or its equivalent. Fluency in English is absolutely essential. Except in unusual circumstances, preference will be given to younger candidates

with little or no formal training in epidemiology. Partial assistance with travel costs may be available for accepted Fellows. Room and board are provided without cost. If an accepted candidate is unable to attend, no substitute may be sent as an alternate who has not been reviewed by the Seminar Committee.

Applications, including a letter of nomination by the chief of the department or institution, a personal letter of application from the nominee, and the applicant's curriculum vitae should be sent early enough to insure receipt before March 15, 1980, by Mrs. Rose Stamler, Seminar Coordinator, Council on Epidemiology and Prevention, International Society and Federation of Cardiology, 303 East Chicago Ave., Rm. 1-615, Chicago, III. 60611.

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