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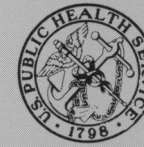
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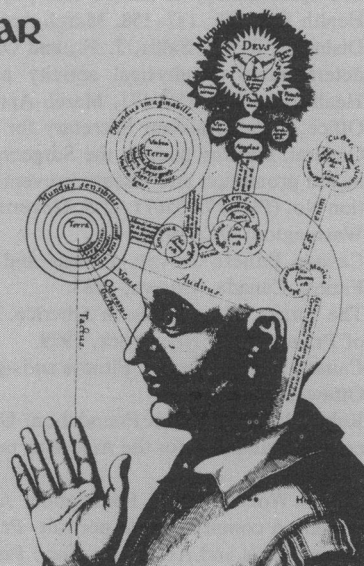
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and Human Services. Public and private organizations have been very responsive to the initiative on the aging, and they are continuing to develop new programs that serve the needs of the elderly. Continued public-private collaboration can ensure that the impact of this initiative is not short-lived. Resources can be directed at the development of programs at the State and local levels. On a national level, we can continue to stimulate health promotion activities for older persons. All of these efforts will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of the health of the elderly, enabling them to enjoy more satisfying lives.

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Initially, the center will be concerned with extramural research, investigator development, and scientific review. Plans will be made for a future intramural research program.

A nationally recognized nurse researcher, with an earned doctorate and a background in both research and administration, is being sought to head the center.

Establishment of an "organizational entity" by the Federal Government for nursing research was recommended in the Institute of Medicine's 1983 study, "Nursing and Nursing Education: Public Policies and Private Actions." The study pointed out that "a focal point is needed at the national level to foster research that informs nursing and other health care practices and increases the potential for discovery and application of various means to improve patient outcomes."

Noting that 1985 marks the 30th year of Federal support for nursing research, Secretary Heckler added, "this action is the best approach to implementing the Institute's recommendation and meeting the needs for nursing research."

Papers Sought for Special Issue of Pediatric Psychology Journal

The Journal of Pediatric Psychology is soliciting papers for a special issue that will focus on health promotion and problem prevention. The issue, to be published in June 1986, will cover such topics as prevention of smoking, alcohol and drug abuse, accidents and injuries, and psychological maladjustment in pediatric settings, as well as promotion of healthful lifestyles.

The contribution of pediatric psychology should be described in addressing these topics or others selected.

All types of papers will be considered, but empirical studies and evaluative reports in particular are encouraged. All submissions should be prepared according to the "Instructions to Contributors" printed on the back inside cover of the journal. The American Psychological Association's "Publication Manual" (third edition) should be followed.

The deadline for submission of manuscripts is October 1, 1985. Papers should be directed to the journal's editor, Gerald P. Koocher, PhD (Children's Hospital Medical Center, 300 Longwood Ave., Boston, MA 92115), with a covering letter requesting consideration of the paper for the special issue.

Surgeon General Plans Workshop on Violence

The Surgeon General of the United States will gather the nation's leading medical, public health, and social service authorities to examine the modern American phenomenon of violence October 27-29, 1985, in Leesburg, VA (just outside Washington, DC).

Dr. C. Everett Koop said the purpose of the Workshop on Violence and Public Health is "to convince the medical and public health professions that interpersonal violence is a serious issue affecting the health and well-being of millions of Americans, that they can play a vital role in violence prevention, and that they should develop an effective response strategy."

The Workshop, he continued, will attempt to:

- improve communications across the medical, public health, and social services disciplines;
- stimulate graduate and continuing education programs on the identification and treatment of victims and on prevention; and
- encourage the general public to understand that violence threatens public health as well as public order and must be prevented.

Participation will be by invitation only. Some 150 practitioners and researchers are expected to attend the 2½-day meeting. They will hear Dr. Koop and other speakers explore every facet of violence, especially that which occurs within households and within families.

Work groups will then concentrate on such components of the problem as child abuse, spouse abuse, sexual assaults, elder abuse, and homicide.

Participants will present their recommendations to the Surgeon General at the closing plenary session of the Workshop.

Cosponsoring the workshop with the Surgeon General are the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration; the Division of Maternal and Child Health of the Health Resources Administration; and the Epidemiology of Violence Branch of the Centers for Disease Control—all components of the Public Health Service.

In addition, the Administration on Children, Youth, and Families and the Administration on Developmental Disabilities, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in the Justice Department are cosponsors.

EDUCATION NOTES

Training courses in occupational safety and health are given by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) directly or in cooperation with professional organizations or agencies. In addition, NIOSH sponsors centers for learning called Educational Resource Centers in universities throughout the country. Following is a list of courses being offered by the various centers in the next few months. To obtain further information such as application deadlines, contact the persons specified in the listing.

HARVARD EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Radiation Protection Instrumentation, April 15-19, \$800.

Control of Occupational Exposures in Nuclear Power Plants, May 13-17, \$800.

Planning for Nuclear Emergencies, June 10-14, \$800.

In-place Filter Testing Workshop, June 10-14, \$1,000.

For information, write or call the Office of Continuing Education, Harvard School of Public Health, 677 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02115-9957 (617: 732-1171).

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Current Trends in Industrial Hygiene, April 15-18, \$125 a day or \$425 for all 4 days.

Occupational Safety and Health in Hospitals, May 15, \$125.

Fundamentals of Occupational Safety,
June 20-21, \$200.

Write or call Ms. Lee Laustsen, Program Coordinator for Occupational Nursing and Medicine, Office of Consumer Health Education, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Rutgers Medical School, Piscataway, NJ 08854 (201: 463-4500).

JOHNS HOPKINS EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Asbestos: the Workplace, Buildings, and Schools—Risk Assessment and Management, April 16-17, \$300.

Intensive Training in Spirometry Testing, June 13-14, \$350.

Toxicology Update '85, June 17-19, \$400.

Contact Dr. Jacqueline Corn, Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, 615 North Wolfe St., Baltimore, MD 21205 (301: 955-2609).

NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Sampling and Evaluating Airborne Asbestos Dust, May 13-16, \$550.

Worker's Compensation, June 6, \$100.

Contact Ted M. Williams, Occupational Safety and Health Educational Resource Center, 109 Conner Dr., Suite 1101, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 (919: 962-2101).

ALABAMA EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Women in the Workplace, April 11, \$25-50.

Write or call Dr. Kathleen C. Brown, University of Alabama in Birmingham, School of Nursing, Birmingham, AL 35294 (205: 934-4210).

CINCINNATI EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Hazardous Materials Management for Site Personnel, course 1050, April 16-17, free.

Respirator Fit Testing, course 1090, April 18-19, \$295.

Industrial Toxicology, course 6001, April 23-24, \$295.

Pulmonary Function Testing Refresher Course, course 4051, May 2-3, \$190.

For information, contact Grace K. Lemasters, PhD, Director, Continuing Education, ML 182, University of Cin-

cinnati, 231 Bethesda Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45267-0182 (513: 872-5733).

Miniresidency in Occupational Medicine for Physicians, June 10-21, 1985, October 21-25, 1985, and March 17-21, 1986; the 1-week segments may be taken in successive years if program is not completed in 1 year. Open to all physicians. Tuition for 2-week segment is \$1,200 and for each 1-week segment, \$600; tuition is due June 10.

Contact Sidney Lerner, MD, College of Medicine, ML 182, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH 45267 (513: 872-4043).

ILLINOIS EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Information Sources in Occupational Safety and Health (for local students only), May 2, no charge.

Health Hazards in the Arts and Crafts Update, May 9, \$50.

Review Course in Preventive and Occupational Medicine, June 24-27, \$500.

For information, contact Susanne J. Klein, Director of Programs in Continuing Education, University of Illinois at Chicago, Great Lakes Center for Occupational Safety and Health, P.O. Box 6998, Chicago, IL 60680 (312: 996-0807).

MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Occupational Ergonomics, June 3-7, \$725.

Advanced Concepts in Ergonomics, June 10-12, \$575 (both the basic and advanced ergonomics courses are available for \$1,100).

Microcomputer Applications in Industrial Hygiene and Safety Engineering, June 17-18, \$350.

Contact Leslie Galloway, Director, Continuing Education, Center for Occupational Health and Safety Engineering, 1205 Beal, the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109 (313: 763-0567).

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Workers' Right to Know, April 16, \$35.

Worker's Compensation: A Management Approach to Working Within the System, May 16, \$95.

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Contact Ruth K. McIntyre, Director, Continuing Education, Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety, 640 Jackson St., St. Paul, MN 55101 (612: 221-3992) or Regina M. Hoffman, Program Coordinator (612: 221-3996) at the same address.

UTAH EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Safety in the Workplace, to be held May 7-9 in Salt Lake City, cost unavailable at press time.

Ergonomics in the Workplace: Back Injury Prevention and Control, to be held June 12 in Salt Lake City, \$50.

Contact Katharine E. Blosch, Director, Continuing Education, Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, Bldg. 512, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT 84112 (801: 581-5710).

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Industrial Ventilation, June 3-7, cost unavailable at press time. Contact Lela D. Morris, RN, MPH, Continuing Education Coordinator, Northern California Occupational Health Center, University of California, 2521 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94720 (415: 642-5507).

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Pulmonary Function Testing in the Occupational Health Setting, May 15-17, \$295.

Contact Jane M. Welgan, RN, MS, Continuing Education Director, University of California, Southern Occupational Health Center, 19722 MacArthur Boulevard, Irvine, CA 92717 (714: 856-5526).

Ionizing and Non-ionizing Radiation, April 1-5, \$800.

Industrial Ventilation Fundamentals, June 10-14, \$650.

Meeting Your Responsibility for Worker Training and Right to Know, June 24-26, \$400.

Contact Richard K. Brown, PhD, Associate Executive Director for Extension and In-Service Programs, University of Southern California, Institute of Safety and Systems Management, Extension and In-Service Programs, University Park, MC 0021, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0021 (213: 743-6523, 743-6383).

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (NIOSH)

Industrial Hygiene Measurements, NIOSH 550, to be held September 9-19 in Cincinnati, \$760.

Industrial Hygiene Engineering, NIOSH 551, to be held April 15-26 in Cincinnati, \$760.

Sampling and Evaluating Airborne Asbestos Dust, NIOSH 582, to be held July 8-12 and again July 15-19 in Cincinnati, \$420.

Ionizing Radiation, NIOSH 584, to be held August 5-9 in Cincinnati, \$420.

Occupational Respiratory Protection, NIOSH 593, to be held July 22-25 in Cincinnati, \$420.

For further information, write or call Donna Welage, Training Registrar, Division of Training, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45226 (513: 684-8225).

Recognition of Occupational Health Hazards, NIOSH 510, to be held May 6-10 in Philadelphia, \$360.

Contact Dr. Samuel Elkin, Temple University, School of Pharmacy, 3307 North Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19140 (215: 221-4915).

Evaluation and Treatment of Outlier Data, NIOSH 556, to be held April 2-4 in Cincinnati, \$300.

Industrial Hygiene Laboratory Quality Control, NIOSH 587, to be held August 26-30 in Cincinnati, \$360.

Contact Thomas Ratliff, R & R Associates, P.O. Box 46181, Cincinnati, OH 45246 (513: 771-2490).

Industrial Hygiene Sampling, Decision-making, Monitoring, and Recordkeeping: Sampling Strategies, NIOSH 553, to be held April 29-May 3 and again September 9-13 in Cincinnati, \$420.

Industrial Ventilation, NIOSH 588, to be held August 19-23 in Cincinnati, \$420.

Contact Charles M. Nenadic, CES, P.O. Box 75120, Cincinnati, OH 45275 (606: 341-8874).

Graduate Summer Session in Epidemiology. Sponsored by the American Public Health Association, the Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine, and the American College of Preventive Medicine, the 20th Anniversary Graduate Summer Session in Epidemiology will be held June 23 to July 13 at the University of Minnesota. It will be presented through the School of Public Health, Health Sciences Center, and the Nolte Center for Continuing Education.

Graduate summer sessions are designed for teachers; postdoctoral fellows; graduate students and residents in preventive medicine and other medical school departments; graduate students in schools of public health, dentistry, and veterinary medicine; and qualified personnel of Federal, State, and local health agencies.

Courses are expected to be in programmatic clusters that allow members of special interest groups to take several advanced courses during the same year. Programmatic clusters include infectious diseases, chronic diseases, environmental and occupational diseases, methods, and hospital-associated diseases.

Offerings for this year's summer session include Fundamentals of Biostatistics, Fundamentals of Epidemiology, Clinical Epidemiology, Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases, Hospital Epidemiology and Infection Control, Epidemiology of Cancer, Epidemiology of Cardiovascular Diseases, Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology, and advanced statistics courses.

Additional advanced courses will be offered. They may include Surveillance and Control of Communicable Diseases, Epidemiology and Health Policy, Diseases Due to Drugs, Epidemiology of Injuries, Categorical Analysis of Data, Statistical Regression, Nutritional Epidemiology, Epidemiology of Alcoholism, Clinical Trials, International Epidemiology, and Epidemiology of Aging.

Category I credit will be awarded through the American College of Preventive Medicine for the American Medical Association's Physicians Recognition Award.

Tuition for the 3-week session is \$375 for one class, \$600 for two or three classes, and \$700 for four classes. Special rates for food and lodging in dormitories will be arranged. Limited tuition aid may be available to U.S. residents, although registrants should be prepared to explore alternative funding as soon as possible.

To obtain more information, write Dr. Leonard M. Schuman, Director, Graduate Summer Session in Epidemiology, School of Public Health, P.O. Box 197, Mayo Memorial Bldg., University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

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Proceedings of the Workshop on Health Manpower Shortage Area Designation, September 13-16, 1983, San Diego, California. *ODAM report No. 6-84, 1984, 228 pages, free. Write Howard V. Stambler, Director, Office of Data Analysis and Management, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rm. 8-41, Parklawn Bldg., Rockville, MD 20857.*

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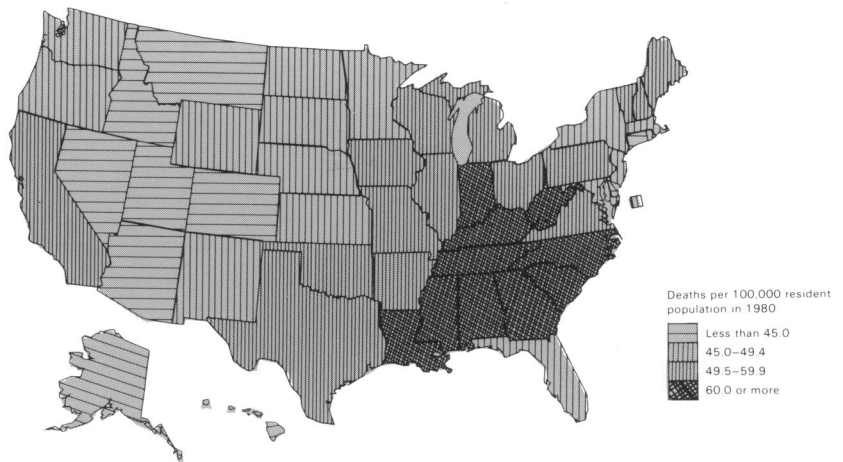
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- In 1982, the average stay in short-stay hospitals in the United States was 7.6 days, with wide variation among the States. The

Age-adjusted death rates for stroke among white males 35–74 years of age: 1979–80



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longest average stays were in New York 9.7, Minnesota 9.4, and Massachusetts 8.9, and the shortest average stays were in Utah 5.4, Wyoming 5.5, and Washington 5.7. For many years, hospitals in the Northeast and North Central Regions have had longer average stays than in the West and South.

- New Hampshire has the largest 1980 supply of patient care physicians in nonmetropolitan areas (207 per 100,000 population), followed by Massachusetts 162 and Hawaii 149. Many southern States have relatively low supplies of physicians in nonmetropolitan areas, with Alabama 53, Louisiana 54, and Tennessee 62 having the lowest nonmetropolitan physician-population ratios.
- In 1982, adjusted expenses per inpatient day for hospital care ranged more than twofold among States. States with the highest

expenses were concentrated in the West; those with lower expenses were located primarily in the South and the western portion of the North Central Region.

- Variation is fivefold among States in the ratio of Medicaid recipients to persons below the poverty level. In 1982, Hawaii had the highest ratio; the number of Medicaid recipients was nearly equal to the poverty population, followed by California with 83 per 100, Rhode Island 77, and Michigan 72. The lowest ratios were in South Dakota 17, Idaho 18, Wyoming 20, and Texas 20.

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