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Waste incineration seminar. The major objective of a waste incineration seminar to be held in New York City August 11–12, 1981, is to provide practical, in-depth understanding of the state of the art of incineration. Recent hazardous waste legislation, the potential for energy recovery, and advancements in the technology have projected incineration to the forefront as the preferred method of waste disposal. A special feature of this seminar is six workshops that provide practical exercises in the application of waste incineration principles and teach participants how to deal with each waste category. This comprehensive overview of incineration technology, design, operating practices, and complexities is designed to provide the information necessary to select and procure a workable, cost-effective facility.

The seminar is sponsored by the Engineering School, Continuing Engineering Education Program, Vanderbilt University. Further information may be obtained from Janet Vance, Continuing Engineering Education, Vanderbilt University, Box 1525, Station B, Nashville, Tenn. 37235 (615/322-2924).

Cancer nursing. The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions will conduct a course entitled “Cancer Nursing—Practice and Progress,” October 26 and 27, 1981, in Baltimore, Md. The program is designed for the nurse who is involved in the care of cancer patients or in providing educational programs for cancer nurses. Appropriate credits have been applied for. The registration fee for the 1-day session is $45 and $85 for the 2-day session. For further information, contact Program Coordinator, Turner Rm. 22, 720 Rutland Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21205, or telephone (301) 953-6046.

Financial Management and Strategy in Health. Harvard University’s sixth “Program in Financial Management and Strategy in Health,” an intensive educational effort in executive development, will be conducted at the School of Public Health September 13–18, 1981.

The program is designed for senior executives whose decisions and policies affect the financial strategies of managers in the health care system. Participants will have a unique opportunity to enhance their skills in financial analysis and strategy and to share experiences and perspectives with other top-level executives and financial officers from provider institutions, State and Federal Government agencies, and third-party payers.

The curriculum focuses on four important aspects of financial management: financing current operations, resource allocation and capital investment, financing capital expenditures, and reimbursement and control systems. The case method of instruction, which actively involves participants in problem analysis and decision making, encourages participant contributions as a significant and integral part of the learning process.

The program fee, which covers room, board, tuition, and teaching materials is $1,450. A limited amount of financial aid is available. Requests for further information or applications should be made to Assistant Director for Administration, Executive Programs in Health Policy and Management, Harvard School of Public Health, 677 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass. 02115, or call (617) 732-1142. Applications should be submitted immediately.

Joint Utah Conference on Industrial Hygiene and Safety. The 4th Annual Utah Conference on Industrial Hygiene Sampling and Analysis and the 53rd Annual Utah Industrial Safety Conference will be held at Salt Lake City, Utah, September 21–23, 1981.

For further information contact RMCOEH, Ms. K. Blosch, University of Utah, Bldg. 512, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112, or call (801) 581-5710.

Isotopic and nonisotopic immunoassays. The Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, Ga., are offering a lecture and laboratory course in “Basic Principles and Techniques in Radioimmunoassays” (No. 9436-C) October 5–9, 1981, and in “Isotopic and Nonisotopic Immunoassays” (Course No. 9432-C) October 12–16, 1981.

The objective of Course No. 9436-C is to introduce participants to the theoretical and practical aspects of radioimmunoassay. Applicants should be public health or clinical laboratory personnel who need to develop competence in the fundamental aspects of radioimmunoassay. Priority will be given to persons with a bachelor degree or its equivalent. Experience must include extensive work in basic clinical laboratory procedures. The deadline for applications is August 10, 1981.

Course No. 9432-C is designed to provide a basis for comparing results from radioimmunoassay and a number of nonisotopic immunoassays. Students will evaluate the various methods by assaying unknown specimens by each technique and comparing the results statistically on computers available in the laboratory. Preference for enrollment will be given to public health or clinical laboratory personnel with at least 4 years of college-level training or its equivalent. The application deadline is August 17, 1981.

Recently, radioimmunoassay has been challenged by newer, nonisotopic methods, such as enzyme immunoassay, fluorescence immunoassay, and luminescence immunoassay. Each technique requires new knowledge to ensure a person to understand the physical properties of the tracer and the complex instruments necessary to detect and measure these substances. Many laboratorians therefore need training in these newer assay methods so that they can determine which type best fits their particular requirements.

The tuition fee for each of these 5-day courses is $175, which covers all laboratory materials and manuals. Public health laboratory employees of certain government bodies (Federal,
State, county, and city) may be eligible for waiver of tuition. In all cases students will be responsible for their own transportation, lodging, and meals. The maximum number for each course is 20. For application forms and additional information, write Laboratory Training and Consultation Division, Mrs. Margene D. Disease Control, Atlanta, Ga. 30333.

Managing Small Institutions. The second program in managing small institutions will be offered by the Harvard School of Public Health in two 6-day segments, December 6-12, 1981, and April 18-24, 1982.

The program is designed for senior managers of such facilities as hospitals under 250 beds, long-term care institutions, HMOs (health maintenance organizations), group practices and clinics, community and mental health centers, home health agencies, hospices, and other health care delivery programs. The aim is to help these leaders maximize their resources by refining their analytical, managerial, and decision-making skills.

The program will be conducted by an experienced multidisciplinary faculty drawn from several professional schools at Harvard. A variety of interactive teaching techniques will be used in the course, including the case method, lecture-discussion format, and smaller action planning groups in which participants and faculty work together in solving actual problems facing the participants' own organizations.

The total fee for both segments is $2,400; $1,680 covers tuition and $720 covers teaching materials, housing, meals, and transportation to and from classes. A limited amount of financial aid is available. Attendance at both segments is required for all participants, and a certificate is awarded upon completion of both.

Requests for further information should be made to Assistant Director for Administration, Executive Programs in Health Policy and Management, Harvard School of Public Health, 677 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass. 02115, or call (617) 732-1142. Applications should be submitted by October 6, 1981.

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**Publications**

**FEDERAL**

The Correlated Lecture Laboratory Series in Diagnostic Radiological Physics. DHHS Publication No. (FDA) 81-8150. $4.50. GPO Stock No. 017-015-00184-9.


Sourcebook—Medical Radiation Material for Patients. DHHS Publication No. (FDA) 81-8113. $2.00. GPO Stock No. 017-015-00178-4.

Federal publications listed above are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Orders should be accompanied by check or money order and should be identified by title and GPO stock number.


**DHHS Publication No. (FDA) 81-167678. $6.50; $3.50 microfiche.**


Bureau of Radiological Health Publications Index. DHHS Publication No. (FDA) 81-3033. Order No. PB 81-156192. $18.50; $3.50 microfiche.

Bureau of Radiological Health Publications Subject Index. DHHS Publication No. (FDA) 81-8070. Order No. PB 80-149478. $5; $3.50 microfiche.

Above listed publications may be ordered from National Technical Information Service, 5258 Port Royal Rd., Springfield, Va. 22161. Full payment must accompany orders.

Charges and Sources of Payment for Visits to Physician Offices. DHHS Publication No. (PHS) 81-3291. 9 pages.

Waiting Times in Different Medical Settings: Appointment Waits and Office Waits. DHHS Publication No. (PHS) 81-3296. 11 pages.


Free single copies of the above listed publications are available from NCHSR Publications and Information Branch, Rm. 7-44, Center Bldg., 3700 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, Md. 20782.


Health Care Financing Review, Winter 1981: An Analysis of the Effects of Prospective Reimbursement Programs on Hospital Expenditures; Health Care in China after Mao; Equal Treatment


Free single copies of the above listed publications are available from ORDS Publications, Rm. 169 Oak Meadows Bldg., 6340 Security Blvd., Baltimore, Md. 21235.

Conversation after Mastectomy. An audiocassette prepared by Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.


Taking Time—Support for People with Cancer and the People Who Care About Them.

NIH Patient Materials Catalog—annotated citations for forty patient and professional information publications available.

Free single or bulk copies of the above listed materials are available from National Cancer Institute, Bldg. 31, Rm. 10A-18, Bethesda, Md. 20205.

Chinese Rural Health Described in FIC Reports. Free single copies are available from Fogarty International Center Publications Office, Bldg. 38A, Rm. 609, Bethesda, Md. 20205.

Health Planning Technical Assistance Manual for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Agencies. Free single copies only are available from National Clearinghouse for Drug Abuse Information, Rm. 10A–53, Parklawn Bldg., 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Md. 20857.

Legal Opinions on the Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records 1975–1978. Free single copies only are available from NIDA, Rm. 9–03, Parklawn Bldg., 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Md. 20857.


Free single copies only of the above listed publications are available from Public Inquiries, NIMH, Rm. 11A-21, Parklawn Bldg., 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Md. 20857.


NON-FEDERAL


Order above listed publications from Public Affairs Pamphlets, 381 Park Ave. South, New York, N.Y. 10016.


Order above listed publications from the National Academy of Sciences, Office of Publications, 2101 Constitution Ave., Washington, D.C. 20418. Orders must be accompanied by check or money order.


Order above listed publications from Sage Publications, Inc. 275 South Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif. 90212.


First Aid Chart. What to do in case of poisoning and on administering cardio-pulmonary resuscitation to infants and children.


Order First Aid Chart and Captain Wunderlung from Publications Division, American Academy of Pediatrics, P. O. Box 1034, Evanston, Ill. 60204. Orders of 100 or more copies at $40 per 100 copies.
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION


WHO publications may be obtained from WHO Publications Centre USA, 49 Sheridan Ave., Albany, N.Y. 12210.
103. COMPARISON OF STRATEGIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROCESS MEASURES IN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Presents results of a comparison of the use of two group process techniques, Delphi and Nominal Group, to achieve consensus from physicians concerning appropriate care of patients.

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