

New Website and Environmental History Tools for Pediatric Health Care Providers

The National Environmental Education & Training Foundation (NEETF) is pleased to announce its new website for pediatric health care providers. The site is an on-line resource portal with user-friendly tools, including a screening and a comprehensive

environmental history form, and an environmental history taking primer.

The screenshot shows the NEETF website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like 'About NEETF', 'NEETF Publications', 'NEETF Calendar', 'NEETF News', and 'Contact Us'. Below that, a 'Health & Environment' section is visible. The main content area is titled 'Pediatric Environmental History Initiative' and includes a photo of a doctor with a child. Text on the page states: 'NEETF's Pediatric Environmental History Initiative is a multi-year campaign to make environmental history-taking a routine practice for health care providers. This will enable health care providers to address environmental conditions that may prevent a child from reaching optimum health, increase public awareness of environmental exposures, and improve communication between health professionals and the public on environmental exposure-related disease.' A sidebar on the left contains various links and a search box.

The *Pediatric Environmental History Screening Form* is a one-page form designed to be administered by the primary health care provider in less than five minutes in order to capture most of the common environmental exposures to children. It can be administered regularly during well-child exams as well as to assess whether an environmental exposure plays

a role in a child's symptoms. If a positive response is given to one or more of the screening questions, the primary care provider can use the *Additional Categories and Questions to Supplement The Screening Environmental History* to explore further. The *Pediatric Environmental History Primer* provides background information on issues included in the form and recommendations health care providers can make to families to control or eliminate the hazards in their environment.

These tools are based on medical literature and current best practices, and were developed in consultation with an expert advisory group, chaired by James R. Roberts MD, MPH. Other members of the Advisory Committee are Sophie Balk, MD; Ruth Etzel MD, PhD; Joel Forman, MD; Christine Johnson, MD; Lillian Mood, RN, MPH; Bonnie Rogers, DrPH, FAAN.

NEETF's Pediatric Environmental History Initiative is a multi-year project to incorporate environmental history taking into the clinical practice of pediatricians and nurses. The Initiative is funded in part by The New York Community Trust.

Please share these resources with your colleagues and any others who might also be interested in pediatric environmental history taking.

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