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### NEETF's Study Calls for Increased Environmental Health Education for Pediatricians and Nurses

NEETF's study, published in Environmental Health Perspectives, concluded that pediatricians and nurses need more environmental health training. Such training is necessary to prepare them to prevent, recognize, manage, and diagnose environmental exposure-related disease in their patients. Expert workgroups identified strategies and points of insertion for integrating environmental health training into medical and nursing curricula. The study was funded by National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

#### [Full Article](#)

(<http://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/members/2004/7166/7166.html>)

### Leading Medical and Nursing Organizations Endorse the Need for Increased Environmental Health Education for Health Professionals

Twenty-one leading medical, nursing, and public health organizations have endorsed NEETF's Position Statement about the need for environmental health education for health professionals. The statement was an outcome of NEETF's National Forum for the National Strategies for Health Care Providers, where over 100 leaders in medicine, nursing, and environmental health formed a national partnership committed to integrating environmental health into health care education and practice. The statement documents the need for environmental health education and lists actions that organizations can take to incorporate environmental health into health professionals' education.

If your organization is interested in endorsing the statement, please contact Rebecca Love at [love@neetf.org](mailto:love@neetf.org).

#### [Position Statement and Endorsing Organizations](#)

(<http://www.neetf.org/Health/PositionStatement2.pdf>)

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## New Tools to Improve Asthma Treatment: Guidelines for Managing Environmental Triggers of Pediatric Asthma

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NEETF, in partnership with National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, has launched the Pediatric Asthma Initiative to integrate environmental management of asthma into pediatric health care. A panel of experts is developing competencies, an environmental history form and environmental intervention guidelines for environmental triggers of asthma to be used by pediatric health care providers. The Initiative emphasizes an integrated approach to managing asthma, including environmental, clinical, and pharmacological management. The documents will be released in Summer 2005.

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(<http://www.neetf.org/Health/asthma.htm>)

## Environmental Exposure History-Taking Initiative

NEETF, with funding from New York Community Trust, has commenced an initiative to develop an environmental history form for pediatricians and nurses to use as a tool in order to inquire about their patients' environmental exposures, such as air pollution. The form, which will be completed in Spring 2005, will serve as the center piece for a multi-year campaign to make environmental history taking a routine practice for pediatric clinicians.

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