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Ontario Family Physicians Warn of Pesticide Dangers

New review of pesticide research shows links between pesticide exposure and harmful neurodevelopmental, respiratory, and reproductive health effects



TORONTO, June 19, 2012 /Canada NewsWire/ - The Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP) is strongly

recommending the public reduce their exposure to pesticides wherever possible, based on the findings of its second comprehensive review of research on the effects of pesticides on human health. Released today, this review shows associations between pesticide exposure and various neurological and respiratory diseases, as well as reproductive problems. Covering 142 studies, the review also demonstrates that children are particularly vulnerable to pesticide exposures that occur during pregnancy.

"Many of the health problems linked with pesticides are serious," said Dr. Margaret Sanborn, family physician, Assistant Clinical Professor at McMaster University, and one of the review's authors. "So it's important we continue to advocate for reducing exposure as the most effective approach."

The review's findings suggest that increased vigilance is needed to minimize the exposure of pregnant women, children, and adults from all potential sources of pesticides, including dietary, indoor and outdoor air, water, and farm exposures. Common pesticides the public should watch out for include glyphosate, pyrethrins and atrazine.

In Canada, several provinces and many municipalities have already mandated bans and phase-outs of various pesticides in the past several years, demonstrating a trend of reducing the public's unnecessary exposure to these harmful chemicals. The OCFP supports a continuation of these bans as a way of reducing human exposure.

What the Public Should Do:

Given the wide range of commonly used agricultural, home and garden pesticide products associated with health effects, the College's overall message to patients is to avoid exposure to all pesticides whenever and wherever possible. This includes reducing both occupational exposures, as well as lowering exposure levels at home. The College also advocates exposure reduction techniques such as:

...Reduce use of indoor and home and garden pesticides and look for alternative organic methods of lawn and garden care and indoor pest control.

...If pesticides are unavoidable (such as in agricultural settings), ensure proper use of personal protection equipment and change clothes before coming into contact with



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others (so the pesticides do not come into the home, car, etc.).

What Family Physicians Should Do:

The College is advocating that, where appropriate, family physicians counsel patients to prevent or reduce pesticide exposure in several settings:

...In preconception and prenatal visits, counsel patients to reduce pesticide exposure and help reduce negative birth outcomes, neurodevelopmental problems, and childhood asthma associated with prenatal pesticide exposure.

...Advise parents to minimize exposure of children of all ages by reducing use of indoor and home and garden pesticides.

...Alert new parents to the risks of paraoccupational (i.e., take-home) exposures and the protective benefits of wearing personal protective equipment for patients that have unavoidable occupational exposure.

...Educate patients in occupations at high risk of pesticide exposure about the health effects associated with these exposures; identify patients, such as those with asthma, sarcoidosis (a disease affecting the lungs) or COPD, who may have special vulnerability to pesticide exposure.



About the Ontario College of Family Physicians:

The Ontario College of Family Physicians is a provincial chapter of the College of Family Physicians of Canada and is a voluntary, not-for-profit association that promotes family medicine in Ontario through leadership, education and advocacy. The OCFP represents close to 11,000 family physicians providing care for remote, rural, suburban, urban and inner-city populations in Ontario. The OCFP is the voice of family medicine in Ontario. At the heart of the organization is the building and maintenance of high standards of practice and the continuous

improvement of access to quality family practice services for all residents of Ontario.

The 2012 Systematic Review of Pesticide Health Effects is available on the OCFP's website at www.ocfp.on.ca.

Posted by [Ken Russell](#) at 5:56 AM

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-Tony Salmeron

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OCFP is RIDICULOUSLY IMPLYING that its NON-EXPERT ASSESSMENT is somehow being withheld from Health Canada and EVERY other regulatory agency in the world.

INDISPUTABLE and CONCLUSIVE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH shows that, as reported through Health Canada's VAST TOXICOLOGY DATABASE, NO HARM WILL OCCUR when pest control products are used according to label directions.

The RISK ASSESSMENT of pest control products indicates that they are PRACTICALLY-NON-TOXIC.

There is NOT ONE KNOWN ILLNESS or DEATH from the proper use of pest control products used in the Urban Landscape.

OCFP DID NOT conduct a serious scientific study ... it conducted a mere Literature Review, and could only use those references found in the OPEN PUBLIC LITERATURE.

What did OCFP use as its reference sources ? GOOGLE and WIKIPEDIA.

In other words, the OCFP Anti-Pesticide Literature Review was conducted with a standard that was NO BETTER THAN A GRADE SCHOOL PROJECT PREPARED BY A 10-YEAR-OLD STUDENT.

The authors and reviewers of the BOGUS-OCFP-Review were not only SCIENTIFICALLY IGNORANT, they were LAZY and OBTUSE.

Even Canadian Cancer Society has STATED REPEATEDLY that scientific research does NOT provide a conclusive link between pest control products and cancer.

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With this review, OCFP has MERCILESSLY TERRORIZED, BASELESSLY SMEARED, FALSELY ACCUSED, GROTESQUELY PUNISHED, INNOCENTLY CONVICTED, SHAMELESSLY PERSECUTED, and WRONGFULLY DEPRIVED those people working in the Professional Lawn Care Industry.

OCFP DESTROYED the Professional Lawn Care Industry.

Demands are now being made to have CRIMINAL CHARGES laid against OCFP for FRAUD and CONSPIRACY.

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