



**Western Regional Epidemiology Network  
May, 2001  
Ashland, Oregon**

**Wednesday, May 16, Stratford Inn, 555 Siskiyou Blvd, Ashland  
6:00-8:00pm Welcoming reception and registration**

**Thursday, May 17, Ashland Community Center, 59 Winburn Way, Ashland  
8:30am Registration**

**9:00 Welcome and Introductions**

**9:15 Cancer Incidence in California Flight Attendants**

James Cone, California Dept of Health Services, Occupational Health Branch

**9:45 Identification of Environmental Risk Factors for Breast Cancer**

Joan Rothlein, Oregon Health Sciences University, CROET

**10:15 Break**

**10:30 A Public Health Assessment of the Pacific Gas & Electric Site at Hinkley, CA**

Judy Lewis, California Dept of Health Services, Environmental Health Investigations Branch

**11:00 Community Cancer Assessment in Hinkley, California, 1988-1993**

John Morgan, California Cancer Registry, Desert Sierra Cancer Surveillance Program

**11:30 Non Public Health Uses of Public Health Surveillance Data**

Crystal James, Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists

**12:00 Lunch (on your own)**

**1:30 Accidental HAZMAT Releases in Oregon and Washington: The Need for Employee Data**

Theodora Tsongas, Oregon Dept of Human Services, Health Division

Lucy Harter, Washington Dept of Health

**2:00 Getting Research Truth from Administrative Data**

Thomas Brundage, Oregon Dept of Human Services, Health Division

**2:30 Results from Washington State BRFSS Environmental Health Questions, 1990-1999**

Denise LaFlamme, Washington Dept of Health, Environmental Health Assessment

**3:00 Break**

**3:15 Using Theater and Other Formats to Encourage Direct Reporting and for Prevention of Pesticide Poisoning**

Catherine Thomsen, Oregon Health Division, Pesticide Poisoning Prevention Program

**3:45 Wanted: New Approaches for Health Surveillance Associated with Gypsy Moth Spraying**

Barbara Morrissey, Washington Department of Health, Pesticide Program

**7:00pm Dinner at the Arbor House, Talent, OR**

**Friday, May 18**

**9:00 Unusual Sources of Lead Poisoning in Adults and Children - And You Thought It was Safe to Hunt and Fish**

Richard Leiker and Marilyn Scott, Oregon Dept of Human Services, Health Division

**9:30 Adapting Neurotoxic Assessment Tests to Accurately Capture Test Performance of a Culturally Diverse Population**

Sarah Michaels and Alys Tamulinas, Oregon Health Sciences University, CROET

**10:00 Incident at 15 Mile Creek - A Tribute to Duncan Gilroy**

Marilyn Scott, Oregon Dept of Human Services, Health Division

Lynden Baum, Washington Dept of Health, Pesticide Surveillance Manager

**10:30 Break**

**10:45 Mercury Contamination in Fish from Douglas County Reservoirs**

Terry Westfall, Douglas County, OR, Environmental Health

**11:15 Mercury: A Glimpse behind the Wizard's Assessment Screen**

Glen Patrick, Washington Dept of Health, Office of Environmental Health Assessment Services

**11:45 Lunch (on your own)**

**1:30 Animal Bites in El Dorado County, California**

J. Chiek Er, El Dorado County, CA, Dept of Public Health

**2:00 Recent Findings on Falls in California**

Roger Trent, California Dept of Health Services, Epidemiology and Prevention for Injury Control Branch

**2:30 Break**

**2:45 Using Linked Death Records and Supplemental Homicide Reports to Describe Violent Injuries in California**

Jason Van Court. California Dept of Health Services, Epidemiology and Prevention for Injury Control Branch

**3:15 Can Cross Sectional Data Be Used for Adolescent Drinking and Driving Prevention Programs?**

Jennifer Sabel, Washington Dept of Health, NICE

**Saturday, May 19**

**9:00 Rashes and Respiratory Disease among Outpatient Clinic and Mental Health Hospital Workers Associated with an Unusual Indoor Air Pollutant**

Emily Wersinger, California Dept of Health Services, Environmental Health Investigations Branch

**9:30 Investigation of a New Skin Disease in Renal Transplant Patients, California, 1997-2000**

Michelle Goveia, California Dept of Health Services, Environmental Health Investigations Branch

**10:00 Public Health Asthma Surveillance: Lessons from Oregon's First Year**

Lynn Marshall, Oregon Health Division, Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology

**10:30 Break**

**10:45 Occupational Asthma as a Proportion of Incident Asthma Cases among Adults in a Large HMO**

Michael Heumann, Oregon Health Division, Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology

**11:15 The Trials and Tribulations of the East Bay Children's Respiratory Health Study**

Svetlana Smorodinsky, California Environmental Health Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

**11:45 Wrap-up and discussion of WREN 2002**