

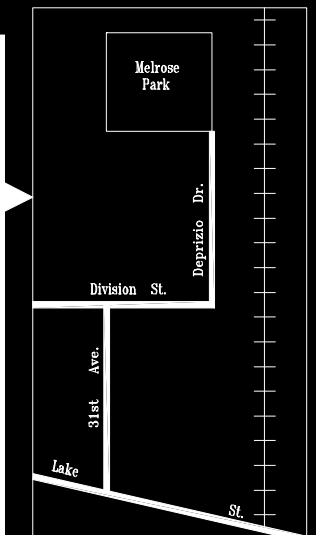
## Location

### ComEd Melrose Park Training Center

1605 N. Depresio Drive, Melrose Park, IL 60164



Find your way to **Lake Street**. Turn North on 31st Ave. Drive North to Division and turn right (east). Go East to **Depresio Drive**, turn left (north). Go to the facility at 1605 N. Depresio.



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## Chicago Section AIHA Asthma Seminar

May 10, 2000

## Occupational and Environmental Asthma

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Asthma is a chronic respiratory disease characterized by inflammation of the airways, and increased responsiveness to various stimuli commonly called asthma triggers.

Asthma episodes involve progressively worsening shortness of breath, cough, wheezing or chest tightness, or some combination of these symptoms. The severity of asthma may range from mild to life-threatening.

An estimated 14.6 million persons in the United States have asthma.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported a 61 percent increase in asthma rate between 1982 and 1994.

According to the American Lung Association, more than 5,600 people die of asthma in the U.S. annually. This represents a 45.3 percent increase in mortality between 1985 and 1995.

The death rate for black Americans is almost three times that of whites. Among chronic illnesses in children, asthma is the most common. Approximately 33 percent of asthma patients are under the age of 18.

Occupational asthma has become the most prevalent work-related lung disease in developed countries. The exact proportion of newly diagnosed cases of asthma is unknown. Up to 15% of asthma cases in the U.S. may have job-related factors.

## Seminar Outline

### ♦ Occupational Asthma

Symptoms

Diagnosis

Causes

Prevention

### ♦ Asthma At Work vs. Asthma From Work.

### ♦ Environmental Asthma

Impact on Public Health

Asthma in Schools

The Role of Biological Agents

### ♦ Resources

## Our Speakers

Our guest speakers are recognized leaders in the community's efforts to understand and prevent asthma. We are pleased to welcome:

**Leslie C. Grammer, M.D.** Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Division of Allergy-Immunology.

**David W. Cugell, M.D.** Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Division of Pulmonary Medicine.

**Victoria Persky, M.D.** Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health., Epidemiology and Biostatistics Division.

***Invite a colleague!***

## Who Should Attend?

- ♦ Industrial Hygienists
- ♦ Environmental Health Professionals
- ♦ Safety & Health Team Members
- ♦ Nurses
- ♦ EH&S Managers

## Schedule

7:45 AM Registration & Continental Breakfast provided  
8:30 AM Program Begins  
12:00 PM Program Adjourns

**ABIH certification maintenance points (0.5) have been approved.**

## Cost

Members \$50

Non-members \$65

## Reservations

Contact **Ms. Jeanne Jachna**

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Payment can be made by company or personal check, or cash at the door.

**Registration deadline May 5, 2000.**

**Space is limited so please register early. *No shows will be billed. Substitute attendees cheerfully accepted.***

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