



100 women in
hedge funds™

Take Charge of Your Health: Environmental Links to Chronic Illness in Women & Children

Devra Davis, PhD, MPH

Philip J. Landrigan, MD, MSc

Mary Megson, M.D., F.A.A.P. & Michael Payne, C.R.C., C.N.S.

Nancy Chuda, Co-founder, Children's Health Environmental Coalition

Please join us to learn from our nation's foremost experts about the environmental links to chronic disease in women and children. The incidence of chronic illnesses such as cancer, diabetes, asthma, autism and even obesity has risen dramatically in the last 15 years. As a nation we are becoming too accustomed to seeking ways to manage chronic illness rather than understanding why we have such dramatic increases and how we can prevent these illnesses from occurring. You will learn the vital connections between health and the environment, and how to take charge of your own health and that of your children and family. As the saying goes an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!

Event Details

Date: Wednesday May 11th, 2005

Time: **5:00** Registration- **We will begin promptly at 5:30** (please arrive early to get through security)

Host: Jamison Group/CSFB

Location: One Madison Avenue b/w 24th and 25th Street

RSVP: <http://www.100womeninhedgefunds.org/pages/events.php>

Admission to this event is free, but there is a \$25 charge if you register and do not attend (even if you cancel in advance.) No-show proceeds will be donated to The National Ovarian Cancer Early Detection Program at NYU Cancer Institute (www.med.nyu.edu/nyuci).

Biographies of Panelists:

Devra Lee Davis, PhD, MPH Author of the widely acclaimed book, When Smoke Ran Like Water: Tales of Environmental Deception and the Battle Against Pollution (Basic Book, 2002), which won a National Book Award (the first book on the environment to win this award since *Silent Spring*) epidemiologist Devra Davis is one the world's most visible and out spoken advocates for improving the environment to protect public health.

Dr. Davis is Director of the Center for Environmental Oncology, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, and Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health. She is also Visiting Professor at Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz School as well as Honorary Professor, London's School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and an Expert Advisor to the World Health Organization. President Clinton appointed Dr. Davis to the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, (1994-99), an independent executive branch agency that investigates, prevents, and mitigates chemical accidents.

Founder of the International Breast Cancer Prevention Collaborative Research Group – an organization dedicated to exploring potential causes of breast cancer – she serves as scientific advisor to the Women's Environment and Development Organization, and as a visiting professor at Rockefeller University's Strang Cornell Cancer Prevention Center.

Her research between environmental hazards and human health has been widely recognized by health and women's organizations. A recipient of the Woman of Distinction Award from the Conservative Judaism's Women's League and the Breast Cancer Award from the American Cancer Society, she has also been recognized by the National Cancer Institute, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and the Noreen T. Holland Foundation, for "leadership in advancing the understanding of potential environmental causes of breast cancer."

Philip J. Landrigan, MD, MSc is the Ethel H. Wise Professor and Chair of the Department of Community and Preventive Medicine and Director of Environmental and Occupational Medicine at the Mount Sinai Center for Children's Health and the Environment, established in 1998. He has long played a vital role in advancing the field of pediatric environmental health, and is widely recognized as one of the nation's foremost experts on children's diseases as they relate to the environment.

A national environmental health expert, he has served as Senior Advisor on Children's Health to the Administrator of the U.S. Environment Protection Agency and is responsible for establishing the EPA's Office of Children's Health Protection in 1997. For two years prior, from 1995 to 1997, Dr. Landrigan served on the Presidential Advisory Committee on the Gulf War Veteran's illnesses.

Dr. Landrigan is a current member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and has chaired its committees on Environmental Neurotoxicology and the landmark study: Pesticides in the Diets of Infants and Children. He is also the editor-in-chief of the American Journal of Industrial Medicine.

A champion of educating parents on children's environmental health protections he is author of [101 Ways to Raise Health Children in a World of Toxins](#). This is a practical guide for parents and others on protecting children against lead, asbestos, radon, pesticides and other environmental toxins. He is also co-author of [Raising Children Toxic Free](#).

Mary Megson, M.D., F.A.A.P., Michael Payne, C.R.C., C.N.S.

Mary Megson, M.D., F.A.A.P. a renowned development pediatrician in private practice in Richmond, VA and Michael Payne, C.R.C., C.N.S. an acclaimed nutritionist have been successfully treating autistic children and their families using a combination of nutritional healing, environmental purification and diet with astonishing results. Dr. Megson, a board certified American Academy of Pediatrician whose education includes University of Virginia Medical School, a residency at Boston Floating Hospital and Tufts New England Medical Center combined with Michael's Master of Science Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from the Medical College of Virginia bring together a rare and much needed combination of compassion and caring that is missing in today's fast paced, harried world of medical quick fixes.

Their research and clinical treatment of over 3,000 children has lead to many groundbreaking discoveries, which include the links between pediatric neurological disorders and heavy metal toxicity. Together they have uncovered many of the autistic spectrum disorder triggers such as high levels of mercury, aluminum, arsenic, lead, antimony, and cadmium. In addition to their amazing discoveries they have created a number of promising protocols for eliminating these environmental toxins.

Thanks to their pioneering work, Mary Megson and Michael Payne are considered miracle workers by thousands of grateful parents. Their new treatment center, The Megson Institute will not only focus on the environmental and

nutritional factors that effect autism, but other devastating neurological disorders such as: Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Multiple Schlerosis, and even Gulf War Syndrome.

Nancy Gould Chuda is co-founder of the Colette Chuda Environmental Fund, and co-founder and President of the Children's Health Environmental Coalition (CHEC). Both of these organizations were established to honor the Chuda's only child, Colette, who died in 1991 at the age of 5 of a rare, non-genetic form of childhood cancer.

Ms. Chuda has been active in environmental health awareness and reform for over two decades: as a broadcast journalist for three national broadcast networks, a full-time activist with Mothers and Others in Los Angeles, and in her present leadership roles in CHEC and CCEF.

Since the founding of CHEC, Ms. Chuda has become well known in legislative and professional forums on environmental risk reduction and reform. She serves as an associate of the Director's Council of Public Representatives of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and was appointed by Health and Human Services Secretary, Donna Shalala to serve as a member of the National Advisory Environmental Health Sciences Council for the National Institutes of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS). Upon completion of her three-year term in 1999, Ms. Chuda was asked to serve an additional year. She is also on the Board of Director of Beyond Pesticides/National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides. Her dedication to children's environmental health protections continues to be respected and recognized not only nationally, but also prominently in her home state of California.