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INTRODUCTION TO ENDOCRINE DISRUPTING CHEMICALS (EDCs)

A GUIDE FOR PUBLIC INTEREST ORGANIZATIONS AND POLICY-MAKERS





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Measures against endocrine disrupting chemicals

The example of Denmark, Sweden and France







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Abstract

Because bisphenol A (BPA) is a high production volume chemical, we examined over 500 peer-reviewed studies to understand its global distribution in effluent discharges, surface waters, sewage sludge, biosolids, sediments, soils, air, wildlife, and humans. Bisphenol A was largely reported from urban ecosystems in Asia, Europe, and North America; unfortunately, information was lacking from large geographic areas, megacities, and developing countries. When sufficient data were available, probabilistic hazard assessments were performed to understand global environmental quality concerns. Exceedances of Canadian Predicted No Effect Concentrations for aquatic life were >50% for effluents in Asia, Europe, and North America but as high as 80% for surface water reports from Asia. Similarly, maximum concentrations of BPA in sediments from Asia were higher than Europe. Concentrations of BPA in wildlife, mostly for fish, ranged from 0.2 to 13 000 ng/g. We observed 60% and 40% exceedences of median levels by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey in Europe and Asia, respectively. These findings highlight the utility of coordinating global sensing of environmental contaminants efforts through integration of environmental monitoring and specimen banking to identify regions for implementation of more robust environmental assessment and management programs.





Bisphenol A and phthalate endocrine disruption of parental and social behaviors

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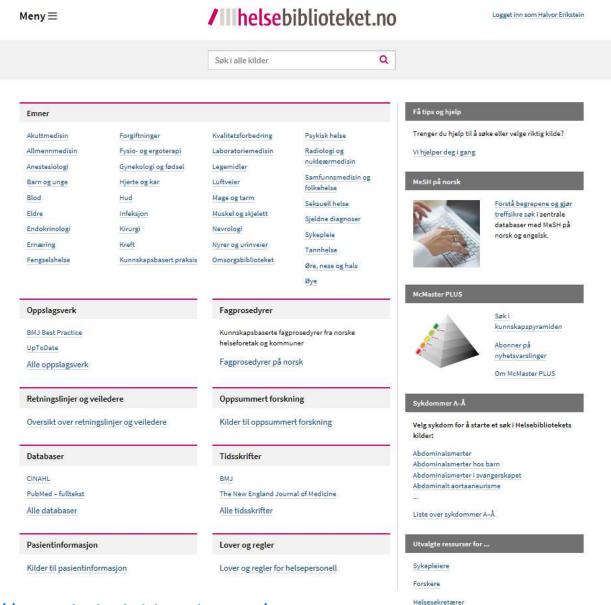
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Perinatal exposure to endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) can induce promiscuous neurobehavioral disturbances. Bisphenol A and phthalates are two widely prevalent and persistent EDCs reported to lead to such effects. Parental and social behaviors are especially vulnerable to endocrine disruption, as these traits are programmed by the organizational-activational effects of testosterone and estrogen. Exposure to BPA and other EDCs disrupts normal maternal care provided by rodents and non-human primates, such as nursing, time she spends hunched over and in the nest, and grooming her pups. Paternal care may also be affected by BPA. No long-term study has linked perinatal exposure to BPA or other EDC and later parental behavioral deficits in humans. The fact that the same brain regions and neural hormone substrates govern parental behaviors in animal models and humans suggests that this suite of behaviors may also be vulnerable in the latter. Social behaviors, such as communication, mate choice, pair bonding, social inquisitiveness and recognition, play behavior, social grooming, copulation, and aggression, are compromised in animal models exposed to BPA, phthalates, and other EDCs. Early contact to these chemicals is also correlated with maladaptive social behaviors in children. These behavioral disturbances may originate by altering the fetal or adult gonadal production of testosterone or estrogen, expression of ESR1, ESR2, and AR in the brain regions governing these behaviors, neuropeptide/protein hormone (oxytocin, vasopressin, and prolactin) and their cognate neural receptors, and/or through epimutations. Robust evidence exists for all of these EDC-induced changes. Concern also exists for transgenerational persistence of such neurobehavioral disruptions. In sum, evidence for social and parental deficits induced by BPA, phthalates, and related chemicals is strongly mounting, and such effects may ultimately compromise the overall social fitness of populations to come.

Keywords: EDC, bisphenol A, phthalate, xenoestrogen, rodent models, brain development, epigenetics, neuropeptides

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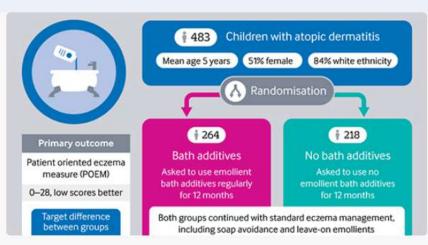
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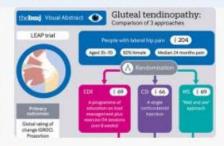
This trial found no evidence of clinical benefit from including emollient bath additives in the standard management of eczema in children. Further research is needed into optimal regimens for leave-on emollient and soap substitutes.

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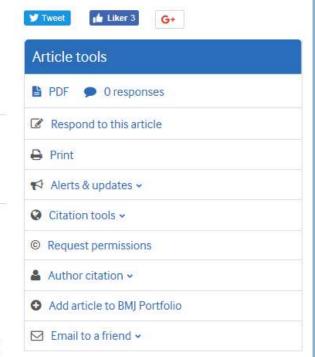
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What are endocrine disruptors?

Some 800 chemicals are known or suspected to interfere with hormone receptors, synthesis, or conversion at some dose. These endocrine disrupting chemicals—for example, phthalates and parabens—are present in small quantities in scores of industrial and consumer goods, including children's toys, food, pesticides, personal care products, and almost all plastics. Only a fraction have been investigated for evidence of harm to human and animal health. A few have been banned: bisphenol A in products for infants in Europe, the US, and Canada; and some parabens in cosmetics in those countries and Japan. France bans bisphenol A in materials that come into contact with food.

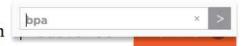








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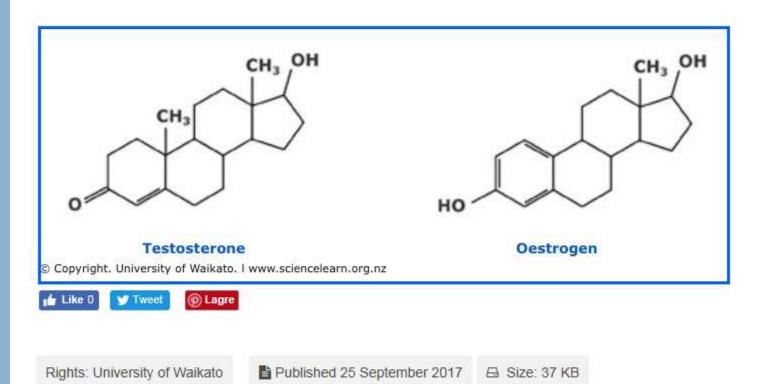




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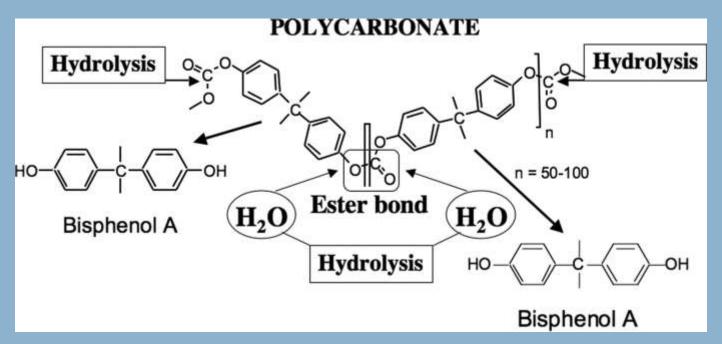
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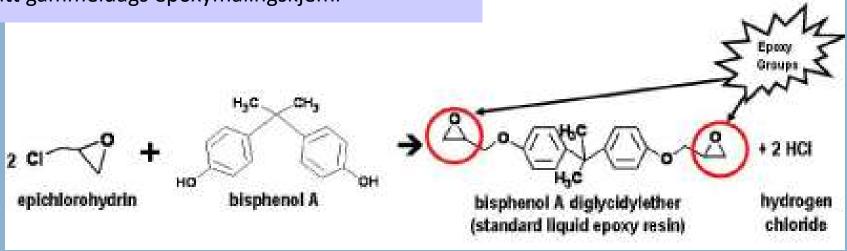


FIG. 1. Schematic diagram depicting hydrolysis of the ester bond linking BPA molecules to form polycarbonate plastic



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Chemicals contribute to health conditions including lowered IQ, male infertility, diabetes, obesity

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