

warnings and information on safety can be found in each product's Material Safety Data Sheet, available from the manufacturer, and should be discussed with each institution's safety officer.

The implications for inadequate sterilization or disinfection of instruments are serious. Failure may be due to a product that is ineffective or to incorrect use. It seems that the EPA is now beginning to fulfill its responsibilities regarding the testing of a manufacturer's claims for product efficacy. It is up to us, the choosers and users, to fulfill our obligations and use the products safely and effectively.

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AHA to Sponsor National Teleconference on TB

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The American Hospital Association will air a teleconference on June 24, 1993, entitled "Environmental Control for TB in Hospitals," focusing on engineering and environmental controls for preven-

tion and control of tuberculosis. Faculty will include Dr. William Jarvis of the CDC, Andrew Streifel from the University of Minnesota Hospitals and Clinics, Dr. Edward Nardell of the Massachusetts Department of Health, and Gina Pugliese, RN, of the American Hospital Association. The teleconfer-

ence will highlight environmental controls, including ventilation systems, HEPA filtration, and ultraviolet germicidal irradiation, and the pros and cons of each approach. Case studies of successful programs will also be included. For further information, call (800) 999-4242.