The Impact of Environmental Contaminants on Reproductive Health: Pesticides and Pregnancy

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Objectives: Upon completion of this session, participants should be able to:

- Discuss the impact of pesticide exposure during pregnancy.
- Identify critical windows of susceptibility for pesticide exposures.
- Describe pesticide exposures among pregnant women in South Texas.
- Identify resources to facilitate patient counseling of risk and risk reduction of hazardous exposures.

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