

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

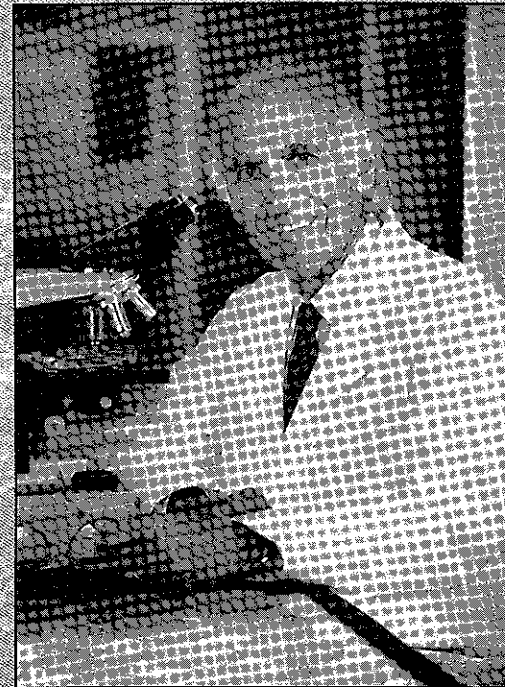
As a PSR member, you receive:

- PSR Reports, a members-only newsletter that brings you issue analysis and updates on PSR activities
- Access to PSR's legislative action network, including PSR Monitor, a bulletin that alerts you to fast-breaking news on public policy issues
- Special discount rates to the quarterly international journal: *Medicine and Global Survival*.
- Invitations to PSR conferences and symposia and the opportunity to attend the bi-annual meeting of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War
- The chance to take a more active role by joining your local PSR chapter
- Special membership mailings that brief you on new PSR research, education and action projects
- An application for the PSR MasterCard, a low-interest credit card that helps fund PSR's programs each time you use it
- Access to socially responsible investments
- The opportunity to make a difference in the quality of life on Earth

# PHYSICIANS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

*Since sharing the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985, PSR has been the most prestigious and progressive voice of the medical community and others who share genuine concern for the quality of life on Earth.*

Physicians for Social Responsibility offers medical professionals and other concerned citizens a rare opportunity: the chance to make a real difference in the way our country protects the health and well-being of its citizens.



*"Physicians are endowed with a special sense of responsibility for their patients. Physicians for Social Responsibility, as physicians to the world, go beyond in this respect."*

— Jonas Salk, M.D.

*"My PSR membership gives me the chance to get involved, through my local chapter, in important issues that affect me and my community."*

— Karen Mulhauser  
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Physicians for Social Responsibility is committed to eliminating weapons of mass destruction, preserving a sustainable environment and reducing violence and its causes. The active conscience of American medicine, PSR uses its members' expertise and professional leadership, influence within the medical community and strong links to policy makers to address this century's greatest threats to human welfare and survival.

PSR is the U.S. affiliate of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), a network of 200,000 physicians in 80 countries. With more than 20,000 U.S. members and over 90 local chapters, PSR works to protect people from environmental health hazards and to shift government spending priorities away from wasteful military expenditures and toward investments in public health and the environment. PSR's successful efforts to cut defense budgets and halt nuclear weapons testing and production have helped shift billions of dollars to domestic programs that meet basic human needs.

### PSR works to:


- educate the medical community, public, policymakers and the media about the human costs of unnecessary military spending and the environmental crisis
- advocate sound federal spending priorities to redirect military dollars to meet human needs, clean up the environment, address violence and its causes, and eliminate nuclear weapons and halt proliferation
- research the health effects of environmental degradation, and of the production and testing of weapons of mass destruction
- promote international cooperation and local community action

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*"As leaders in the medical community, PSR members are uniquely qualified to speak out about the health threats of nuclear weapons, environmental degradation and violence."*

*Reed V. Jackson, M.D.,  
President  
Charles R. Drew  
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## THREE DECADES OF ACHIEVEMENT

In the 1960's and 1970's, PSR's groundbreaking investigations exposed the devastating health and environmental consequences of America's preparations for nuclear war. PSR's documentation of strontium-90 in children's teeth, a by-product of nuclear testing, helped stop U.S. atmospheric testing and win a Limited Test Ban Treaty.

In the 1980's, PSR shared the Nobel Peace Prize with IPPNW, and fought for ratification of the INF Treaty eliminating intermediate-range nuclear forces from Europe. In the early 1990's, we helped shut down several major U.S. weapons plants, bringing nuclear warhead production to a standstill.

Today, PSR is the nation's leading citizens' organization working to protect the public from the health hazards of nuclear weapons and environmental poisons.

## CONTINUING THE TRADITION

While the Cold War may be over, the danger of nuclear proliferation is greater than ever. Here at home, the U.S. plans to maintain the complex used to produce nuclear weapons well into the 21st Century, generating radioactive waste and other toxins that will threaten yet another generation of Americans.

In response, PSR is continuing its leadership role in addressing the health effects of weapons testing and production. For example, PSR spearheaded the successful campaign to convince President Clinton to order a 15-month

moratorium on all nuclear testing and pursue a Comprehensive Test Ban. PSR's public policy experts and grassroots activists work to:

- ensure the release of secret government data on radioactive emissions and other toxic substances at contaminated nuclear weapons plants in 32 states and some 2,000 military facilities
- improve funding to clean up radioactive wastes and other toxins at military facilities
- build broad public support for a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and an extension and strengthening of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty

## NEW PROGRAMS FOR THE NINETIES

While PSR's founding principles have not changed, we have expanded our mission to encompass new challenges to human health and survival, from childhood lead poisoning, workplace contaminants and violence in the U.S. to large-scale industrial pollution in Eastern Europe and emerging threats to Earth's life-support systems. Increasingly, PSR's programs tackle problems that disproportionately affect the most vulnerable among us — children, the poor and people of color.



*"PSR pushes critically important issues to the forefront of public attention, working with Congress and the Administration to change environmental laws so that they protect public health."*

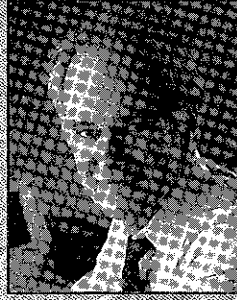
*H. Jack Geiger, M.D.  
Arthur C. Logan Professor  
of Community Medicine  
City University of New York*

## Protecting Public Health and the Environment

Decades of costly and elaborate environmental legislation have largely failed to protect public health. The U.S. military, the nation's worst polluter, has been exempt from federal environmental laws and regulations. One in six American preschoolers suffers from lead poisoning. The vast majority of commonly used chemicals have not been adequately studied to determine their potential danger to humans. And Earth's capacity to

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*Charles Clements,  
M.D., MPH  
Executive Director,  
SatelLife*



sustain life is increasingly challenged by global warming and other large-scale environmental hazards.

In response, PSR works at the local and national level to educate medical professionals about environmental health hazards, enact environmental clean-up laws that mandate public-health protection, advocate national lead poisoning prevention and abatement policies, push for a national program to assess the health hazards of abandoned hazardous-waste sites and force the U.S. military to comply with federal environmental laws and regulations. Internationally, PSR works with governments and leading conservation coalitions to address a range of threats to the global environment.

## Redefining National Security

Excess military spending undermines national security by diverting funds from vital human-needs programs. Every dollar we squander preparing for war is a dollar we could have wisely invested in health care, education, environmental quality and the prevention of violence.

PSR is committed to ensuring that Americans' health and quality of life are not sacrificed to military demands for missiles, bombers and Star Wars. We work with other activists and policy makers to reduce military spending, halt production and sale of costly and unnecessary weapons systems and increase our government's commitment to programs that improve citizens' well-being.

## Violence: A Public Health Emergency

Leaders of the health care community have recently recognized violence as a public health emergency. The overall cost of firearms injury alone to the U.S. health care system is more than \$4 billion.

PSR is at the forefront of this critical problem -- working with local communities to educate health care professionals about the root causes of violence and how to treat and prevent this growing epidemic.

# PSR Membership Form

**YES!** I want to participate in PSR's vital work to protect human health and the environment.

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