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[A high-resolution photo of Lowry available upon request.]

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Renowned Pediatrician and Toxicologist to Speak at UNI
Jennifer Lowry, MD, to speak on protesting children's health

(CEDAR FALLS, Iowa) – Dr. Jennifer A. Lowry, a renowned pediatrician and toxicologist who leads the Regional Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit in Kansas City, will speak at the University of Northern Iowa on the topic of “protecting children’s health where they live, learn and play.” Lowry’s talk on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, at 7 p.m. in Schindler Education Center 220 is free and open to the public.

Lowry will address the use of pesticides in homes, schools and the surrounding environment. She will speak on protections for children by creating healthy environments where children live, work and play.

As children grow and mature, their unique physiologic, developmental, and behavioral differences make them especially vulnerable to chemical exposures. Because children are smaller than adults, their surface area-to-body mass ratio is greater. Children eat more food and drink more water per unit of body weight than do adults, and breathe at a faster rate. Moreover, infants and children of all ages spend more time on the floor or ground than adults. Therefore, children will come into more contact with contaminants on these surfaces.

“Chemical exposures can disrupt the critical and rapid stages of development that occur in prenatal and early childhood life that can affect their health for a lifetime,” Lowry says.

Lowry is a Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine. She is Director of the Division of Clinical Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutic Innovations at Children’s Mercy in Kansas City, where she also serves as Director of Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit.

Lowry completed her fellowship in pediatric pharmacology and medical toxicology as well as her residency in pediatrics at Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics in Kansas City. She obtained her medical degree from the University of South Dakota School of Medicine in Vermillion. Her areas of interest include developmental pediatric pharmacology and toxicology, environmental toxicology, adolescent substance use, spider envenomations and adverse drug reactions.

Lowry is one of four visiting speakers in the new Aldo Leopold Distinguished Lecture Series. For more information, including other speakers, please see <https://leopold-lectures.uni.edu>.

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