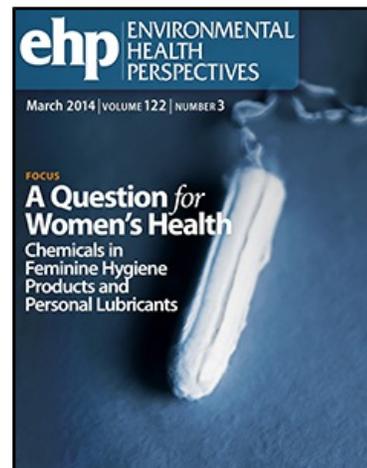


## This month in EHP

The March issue of *Environmental Health Perspectives* (EHP) (<http://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/>)

(EHP) focuses on the overlooked area of health impacts from feminine hygiene products and personal lubricants, as well as the new National Toxicology Program (NTP) Nonneoplastic Lesion Atlas.



### Chemicals in Feminine Hygiene Products and Personal Lubricants

Mucous membranes in the vagina and vulva rapidly absorb chemicals without metabolizing them. But until recently, scant research existed on how chemicals in feminine hygiene products and personal lubricants may affect women's health. With recent findings emerging in this largely overlooked research area, several researchers and interest groups are calling for more research to fill in the data gaps.

### NTP Nonneoplastic Lesion Atlas: A New Tool for Toxicologic Pathology

For decades, pathologists have diagnosed nonneoplastic lesions and other tissue findings by matching what they see under the microscope with a picture in a textbook or journal. A new website, hosted by NTP, is bringing that process into the digital age and promises to significantly improve the ability of researchers to evaluate noncancer findings in animal studies.

### Featured research and related news articles this month include:

- **Assessing Exposure and Health Consequences of Chemicals in Drinking Water** - Chemical Contaminants in Drinking Water: Where Do We Go From Here?
- **White Light-Emitting Diodes (LEDs) at Domestic Lighting Levels and Retinal Injury in a Rat Model** - Hidden Blue Hazard? LED Lighting and Retinal Damage in Rats
- **Arsenic Exposure Perturbs the Gut Microbiome and Its Metabolic Profile in Mice: An Integrated Metagenomics and Metabolomics Analysis** - Clues to Arsenic's Toxicity: Microbiome Alterations in the Mouse Gut

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