

# Healthy U series

What every *body* should know for a healthier you.



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public lecture series

## From Sweeteners to Mercury: Chemicals and Your Health!

**Tuesday**  
**Sept. 26, 2017**  
**6:30–7:30 p.m.**

**Center for the Sciences and Pharmacy,  
Room 300**

Free and open to the public and the Western New  
England University community. Visit [wne.edu/  
healthy](http://wne.edu/healthy) to learn about upcoming topics.

It's a reality of modern life—we are surrounded by chemicals every day. We use them in the food we eat, in the medicines we take, in our homes, and on the job. While some people are wary of chemicals, the fact is, the human body is essentially a giant container of chemicals.

Many of us have heard stories of the dangers of Aspartame, yet only 1 in 15,000 of Americans are diagnosed with phenylketonuria. Compact fluorescent lamps (CFL), which now make up over 50% of the traditional light-bulb sales due to their longer life, each contain mercury. This lecture will help demystify some of the concerns about the chemicals that we use in our daily lives.

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