This month’s cover article, “Occupational Health Survey of Cosmetologists in Minnesota,” explores the occupational health and safety challenges faced by cosmetologists. A survey was sent to licensed cosmetologists to collect demographic data, work history, respiratory symptoms, product usage, and health and safety training. While training related to customer safety and sanitizing processes were completed by a majority of cosmetologists, training regarding worker safety and personal health are lacking. Almost 50% of surveyed cosmetologists reported respiratory symptoms related to their work, which indicates a pressing need for education, prevention, and intervention methods.

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