

**Conference for Food Protection  
2010 Issue Form**

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**Title:**

Food Allergen Poster Endorsement

**Issue you would like the Conference to consider:**

The Food Allergen Committee seeks endorsement from the Conference for Food Protection and the FDA of the attached poster titled "What You Should Know About Food Allergies."

**Public Health Significance:**

It is well documented by physicians and food allergy advocacy organizations, that restaurants and other food establishments pose a number of dangers for food allergic individuals particularly with respect to cross-contamination and unexpected ingredients in certain foods. Approximately 13.7% of registrants in the United States Peanut and Tree Nut Allergy Registry have reported reactions associated with such establishments. (Furling TJ, DeSimone J, Sicherer SH "Peanut and tree nut allergic reactions in restaurants and other food establishments *J Allergy Clin Immunol*, 2001 Nov;108(5):867-70) Education and awareness about food allergies is paramount for restaurant staff as they are key communicators with patrons at any given food establishment. The poster "What you Should Know Food Allergies" serves to provide restaurant staff, managers and other foodservice personnel, with an additional educational tool to help increase awareness and provide basic understanding about food allergy and what to do in an emergency.

**Recommended Solution: The Conference recommends...:**

that the Conference for Food Protection endorse the educational poster titled "What You Should Know About Food Allergies."

The Conference further recommends that a letter be sent to the FDA requesting their endorsement of this educational poster.

*Note: poster is attached to this Issue as a PDF file.*

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**Attachments:**

- "What you Should Know About Food Allergies"

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