

Fracking and Health: facts vs. fiction

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Increased awareness about using a highly technical process called hydraulic fracturing to recover natural gas trapped deep within the Marcellus shale has created questions about related human-health and environmental impacts. Associated arguments, both *pro* and *con*, have often been subjective, emotional, and unscientific. This publication by the American Council on Science and Health (ACSH) is a systematic, objective review of documented types and rates of hydrofracturing-fluid- and chemical-related incidents affecting human health, to date, in the region of the Marcellus Shale

It is an adapted, academic summary of the peer-reviewed book [Hydraulic Fracturing in the Marcellus Shale: water and health, facts vs fiction](#) [1] written by Dr. Theodore Them, Chief of the Section of Occupational and Environmental Medicine with Guthrie Medical Group in Sayre, Pennsylvania and published by ACSH.

[Bound copies of this book can be purchased at Amazon.com](#) [2].

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