

CLIMATE IMPACTS HEALTH: WHY YOUR LEADERSHIP MATTERS

“Tackling climate change could be **the greatest global health opportunity** of the 21st century.” - *The Lancet, June 2015*

HOW CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS HEALTH:



Increases in CO2 Levels:
leads to increases in malnutrition, civil conflict¹



Rising Temperatures:
leads to increases in injury, mental health impacts, cardiovascular failure¹



Rising Sea Levels:
leads to increases in respiratory allergies, water-borne diseases¹



More Extreme Weather:
leads to increases in asthma, Lyme disease, Malaria¹

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CAN LEAD ON CLIMATE

No matter what health field you are in, we are all after a shared goal - *a healthier future*. **America needs your leadership.**



- Americans trust your leadership and guidance
- Health professionals protect and prevent Americans from harm, and treat those who are sick, especially the most vulnerable.
- Health professionals can ensure climate solutions protect and benefit health, and help to reduce health inequities.



62%

of people are either already talking or willing to talk with their doctor about preparing or protecting against harm from climate change.²

66%

worry about the effects of environmental pollution on their families' health.²

HEALTH LEADERS CAN:

- 1 Talk about climate change** personally and publicly on the impacts and health benefits of preparedness and solutions.
- 2 Invite other health leaders to join you** to amplify collective impact.
- 3 Be a champion for solutions** in your office, practice, or community, and in local or national policy.



CLIMATE
for HEALTH™

CLIMATE FOR HEALTH WILL HELP YOU ELEVATE YOUR LEADERSHIP WITH...



TOOLS
to help you talk about climate change and be a champion for solutions



RESOURCES
such as news, research, and success stories to inspire and inform you



A NETWORK
of leaders to collaborate with on ideas and for collective impact



OPPORTUNITIES
to amplify your voice nationally in the media and other channels

Together, health professionals can create a healthier future for all of us.

YOU CAN LEAD ON CLIMATE, TODAY. JOIN CLIMATE FOR HEALTH

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