The mission of the Consortium is to organize, empower and amplify the voice of America’s doctors to convey how climate change is harming our health and how climate solutions will improve it.
We are delighted to share this annual report with you. A year ago, several generous funders helped launch the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health, so we could pursue our mission of informing the American public and policymakers about the health harms of climate change and the health benefits of climate solutions. We identified and began pursuing our priorities: namely, developing and implementing strategic communications to reach clinicians, the public and policymakers; increasing the capacity of national medical societies and their state chapters to engage their members in pursuing our joint mission; growing a network of physician advocates; and building and strengthening the Consortium infrastructure.

The Consortium will continue to help members of the public and policymakers better understand that our health is our most precious asset that is at risk as a result of climate change.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me to learn more about what we’re doing and the ways we can work together. The time for us to make a difference is now. Together, we will.

Thank you for your continued commitment to protecting the health of current and future Americans.

With appreciation and excitement,

Mona Sarfaty, MD, MPH
Executive Director
The Consortium grew from 9 to 20 member societies
Our member societies represent over half of U.S. physicians (>550,000 doctors)
23 health and climate science organizations have affiliated with the Consortium
Our web resources have received over 35,500 views
1,015 subscribers from 47 states joined the mailing list to receive the monthly newsletter
We added two notable Advisory Committee Members: Dr. Camara Jones and Dr. Ana Nunez
Since the official launch, the Consortium has been featured in over 100 news media outlets, including NPR, MedPage Today, Medscape, NBC, CBS, Huffington Post, USA Today, International Business Times (Yahoo), JAMA, CNN, The Guardian, Scientific American, Smithsonian Magazine, and many state and local media outlets. News coverage has included national news, health and medicine, science and tech, environment, and trade publications
Social media activity through Facebook and Twitter has gained traction; the most impactful month was March 2017, during the Consortium’s launch, when our tweets earned 37,000 impressions, averaging 1,200 impressions per day
We released the report, Medical Alert! Climate Change is Harming Our Health, in March 2017 to widespread press coverage that continued during the ensuing months. We sent the report to every member of Congress, the President and Vice President, Secretary of HHS, Administrator of the EPA, the US Conference of Mayors, the National Governors Association, every Fortune 500 company, and every RE100 Company, which is a group of companies pledged to switch to 100% renewable energy. The report is available on the websites of the Consortium and a number of medical societies and other medical groups, including the UN Office of Disaster Risk Reduction.

For the first time, all, Consortium societies issued joint statements:
- Endorsing the Lancet Countdown report
- Opposing the President’s decision to leave the Paris Climate Change Agreement
- Opposing the Administration’s decision to discontinue the Clean Power Plan

For the first time, all Consortium societies sent joint letters to every US Senator:
- Opposing weakening EPA ozone standards for ambient air
- Opposing weakening auto emissions or fuel economy standards, decreasing the EPA budget, or discontinuing the waiver for California’s stricter auto standards

The Consortium Director testified at EPA hearings:
- Opposing the decision to terminate the Clean Power Plan
- Opposing weakening auto emission or fuel economy standards

Many member societies spoke out for the first time about climate change and health with these letters and statements.

Each monthly newsletter featured an active and engaged “Champion of the Month” physician.

370 physicians signed up to be Medical Advocates for Climate and Health and are logging their activities into our web portal.

Activities by Medical Advocates for Climate & Health

- 47 Media Activities: LTEs, Op-Eds, TV or Radio Interviews
- 47 Research Studies and Publications
- 36 Policy Activities: Letters, Meetings, and Testimonies
- 147 Presentations: To Colleagues, Patients, and the Public

We are making our voices heard!
“The health impacts of climate change are real, and they are current. I see them every day in my practice. It’s time we come together as physicians to address this threat.”
– Dr. Carlton Heine, Spokane, WA

“We are building our state footprint.
With Consortium support and encouragement, state activity is poised to take off in a substantial way.
- Dr. Mark Mitchell, Director for State Programs

“During the last year, Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action has held two medical education events at leading health systems and an advocacy day to focus attention on climate effects and solutions.”
– Dr. Samantha Ahdoot, Alexandria, VA

“The Consortium is really important to the work we are doing; this is a unifying concept for public health and healthcare providers.”
– Dr. Seth Hawkins, Morganton, NC

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“The Consortium is supporting the formation of the Florida Clinicians for Climate Action, which is working to address the health impacts of climate change, particularly among vulnerable populations.”
– Dr. Cheryl Holder, Miami, FL
2014-16
Assessments of medical society members’ views (ATS, NMA, AAAAI)

Nov. 1, 2016
Support from the Kresge Foundation, the Energy Foundation, and Johnson & Johnson

Feb. 2, 2017
Monthly newsletter begins

July 29, 2017
The Consortium begins recording live interviews with doctors at their annual meetings

Oct. 25, 2017
Membership reaches 20 societies

Nov. 1, 2016
Webinar for member societies

March 15, 2017
Public launch and release of Medical Alert! Climate Change is Harming Our Health; website goes live

Sept. 20, 2017
Consortium exhibits at Johnson & Johnson Changemaker Expo on the UN Sustainable Development Goals, UN General Assembly week, New York City

April 29, 2016
Briefing for medical societies on the national report, The Impacts of Climate Change of Human Health in the United States: A Scientific Assessment

Dr. Colleen Kraft, President of the American Academy of Pediatrics, speaks at the launch of the Consortium.
We are optimistic that the Consortium will help members of the public and policymakers better understand that the health of all Americans is one of the most precious things at risk as a result of climate change. Financial support for Consortium activities has come from several sources over the last year and has been crucial in funding the staff that has shaped our success to date. More funding will be needed in order to maintain our current level of activity and realize the new opportunities that are possible based on the growth of Consortium activity. We would like to thank: The Kresge Foundation, George Mason University, the Energy Foundation, and Johnson & Johnson for generously supporting the Consortium’s mission. Our work would not be possible without their generous support. We look forward to involving them more in our work over the coming months and years, while also working with additional philanthropic organizations who support the work of our Consortium.

**THANKS TO OUR FUNDERS**

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LOOKING FORWARD TO 2018

Capacity building activities are needed to ensure that all medical societies participating in the Consortium can effectively inform the public and policymakers about the health risks of climate change and climate solutions. The Consortium’s inaugural Annual Meeting, scheduled for April 8-10, 2018, will help build the capacity of the staff and members of each society and strengthen the Consortium by creating greater cross society connections.

To that end, at the Annual Meeting we will provide participants with briefings on the most up-to-date information about the current and potential near-term health harms of climate change and about a range of solutions—including options for enhanced energy efficiency, expanding production of clean renewable energy, putting a price on carbon, and fostering resilience and sustainability. The meeting will include communication training and visits to Congress.

Members of collaborating organizations like Health Care Without Harm, the American Lung Association, the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments, the American Public Health Association, and many of our other 24 affiliated health and science-based organizations will join us at the meeting (see page 11).

Over the next year, the Consortium will also augment our strategic communication efforts to convey our key evidence-based messages, and to share stories about the efforts of our member societies, state-level physician coalitions, and individual doctors who are advocating on these issues. The overarching aim of this work is to help members of the public and policymakers understand that our health is the most precious thing that is at risk as a result of climate change.
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Our member organizations are committed to working with officials at all levels to reduce emissions of heat-trapping pollution, as well as with health agencies to promote research on effective interventions and ways to strengthen public health infrastructure—all with the aim of protecting human health from climate change.
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Affiliates of the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health are health and science organizations that are aligned with the Consensus Statement regarding the health threats of climate change and the health benefits of solutions.
The Consortium is headquartered at the Center for Climate Change Communication, on the campus of George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.

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