CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH

Climate change is emerging as a significant threat to public health, not only in Canada but around the globe. The health impacts of climate change facing Canadians are real and will worsen.

"This is the public health imperative of our time."

Dr. Gigi Osler, CMA Past President

What we know

Canada's doctors see the devastating health impacts of a changing climate first-hand. From wildfires to heat waves to new infectious diseases, we're already treating the health effects of climate change.

Climate change is affecting the mental and physical health of Canadians, with little awareness of the increasing impacts.

Physicians have a role to play as trusted communicators and providers of care and can make the link between the climate crisis and the consequences on our health.

The CMA calls on federal political parties to commit to:

- Investing in adapting our health system and public health capacity to address the growing health impacts of climate change in Canada.
- Implementing a comprehensive plan so that Canada meets our international climate change targets.