

Talk to Your Patients about Populations at Higher Risk of Climate Impacts

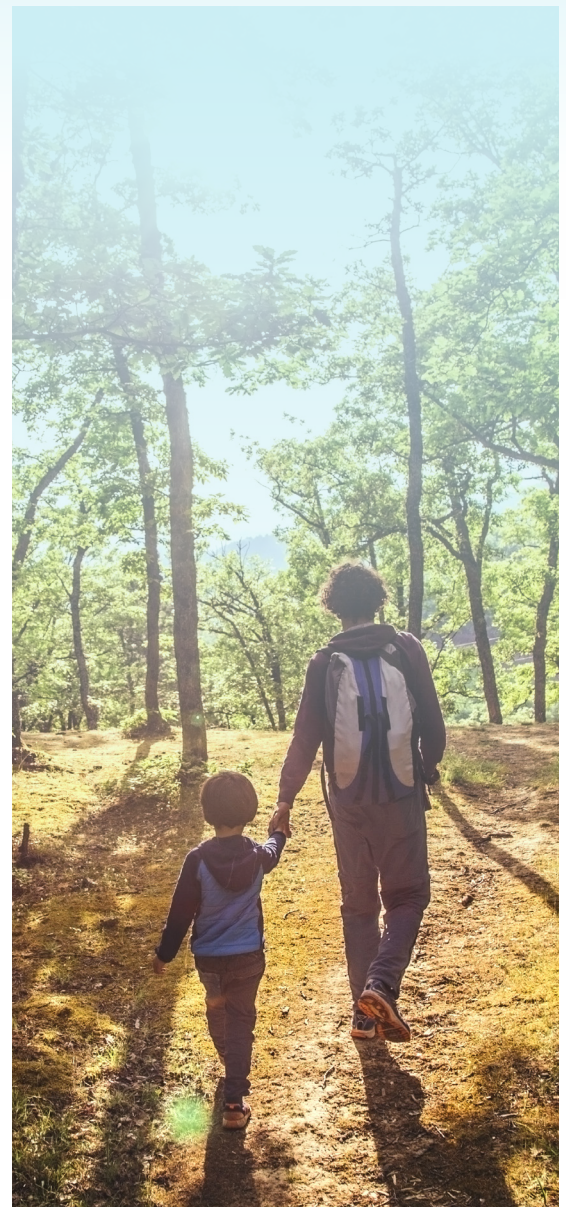
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Climate change will affect everyone; however, there are some individuals and communities that will be disproportionately burdened. Disproportionate impact to climate change is influenced by factors such as preexisting health conditions, age, gender, race or ethnicity, income, and access to resources.¹ Health-related burdens are experienced more acutely by communities that have been under-resourced and overburdened.¹ Review this information and share with your patients.



Takeaways for Healthcare Providers, Hospitals, and Clinics

- **Strengthen Partnerships** in communities that are at higher risk of climate change-related harms: Engage communities, workplaces, and local organizations to identify unmet needs and priorities, increase access to healthcare resources, and invest in activities that will help the community.^{44, 45}
- **Make Information Accessible:** Ensure health information and resources are made available through various means (e.g. at pediatric offices, schools, and community centers). Ensure information is available in various languages and formats.^{46, 47}
- **Perform Patient Outreach:** Identify trusted messengers and community organizations to reach out to patients disproportionately impacted by climate driven disasters. Use electronic medical record data, mobile health programs, home visits, or other methods to reduce morbidity and mortality.³



Climate Change Medical Factsheets Footnotes

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