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The Journal of Climate Change and Health is a worldwide scientific peer reviewed gold open access medical journal, published by Elsevier, that solicits, peer-reviews, and publishes articles on climate change and health for a wide audience, including health-care professionals and those in related disciplines. Since its inception in 2021, JCCH has published nearly 100 articles on a wide range of topics relevant to climate change and health, including health sector sustainability, and its articles have received over 10,000 downloads as of March 2022.

JCCH publishes high quality scientific works related to best practices and solutions for climate change and health within the healthcare delivery system, such as telemedicine, development of reusable supplies, development of environmentally friendly treatments for illnesses, and issues related to sustainability in health care. It also addresses acute and chronic climate-related disasters, migration, changing patterns of disease, and the impacts of climate change on individuals and health systems.

In addition, through a series of Special Issues, each with a specific focus on areas of collaboration for action, JCCH promotes interdisciplinary solutions in broad areas including health care professionals’ approaches to climate change mitigation and adaptation, climate change communication and education, and collaborative solutions involving healthcare professionals and other disciplines.

The journal targets all aspects of Human Health from all medical disciplines, from infancy to aging and all organ systems, and emphasizes environmental justice and how it relates to health globally.

Goals include the following:

- To serve researchers and clinicians for publishing scientific and clinical manuscripts related to climate change and human health.
- To promote professional and general communication about the immediate and long-term effects of climate change on human physical and mental health.
- To encourage clinicians and researchers to investigate the impacts of climate change on human health, both on an individual and population-based scale.
- To enhance the development of environmentally sound systems of health care.
- To provide a forum where the relative effects of climate change on humans in different geographic locations and from different socioeconomic backgrounds can be explored so as to create equitable solutions.
- To raise awareness of the varying impacts of climate change on human health throughout the lifespan.
To be committed, at last, to the UN Sustainable Development Goals which are right in line with the purpose of the journal. The journal strives to adhere to the following standards and requirements:
- COPE - Committee on Publication Ethics
- ICMJE - International Committee of Medical Journal Editors
- STM - International Association of Scientific, Technical and Medical Publishers

Through high quality scientific information, commentary, and data sharing, JCCH is committed to promoting the best in science, education, and collaboration among healthcare providers and those in other fields working to recognize, mitigate, and adapt to climate change, and to improve overall human health, sustainable healthcare systems, and health of the interrelated biologic systems throughout the world.

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