DOES CLIMATE CHANGE AFFECTS HEALTH?

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ABSTRACT: Climate change is a significant and emerging threat to human health. Most recent reports on climate change confirm that there are overwhelming evidence that humans are affected. To explain the relationship between climate change and human health, one must first, understand the correlation of climate change affecting health. Climate variability and change can causes deaths and disease through natural disasters, such as heat waves, floods, and droughts. Many important diseases are highly sensitive to changing temperatures and precipitations. Even vector-borne diseases such as malaria and dengue play their part in climate change. There is no even distribution of the impact of climate on human health, especially for smaller Island states, high mountain zones, and densely populated coastal areas. Previous literatures on global changes have shown association between climate change and health. Through health programs and interventions the health risk can be avoidable. By decision-making involving health professionals in planning for the impact of climate change and strengthening key features of the health systems and promoting healthy choices can enhance health and reduce future climate changes. Evidence from global events has shown that climate change does affect our health. Because of this evidence, there is a greater for adaptation in order to minimize the adverse effect on health and well being.

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