



## Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health

### **Mission**

The mission of the consortium is to inform the public and policy makers about the harmful health effects of climate change on Americans, and about the immediate and long-term health benefits associated with decreasing greenhouse gas emissions (i.e., heat-trapping pollution) and other preventive and protective measures.

### **Roles & Responsibilities**

The medical societies in this consortium will communicate with their own members, the general public, and policy makers at all levels to raise awareness about the health harms caused by climate change, the health benefits of reducing heat-trapping pollution and other preventive and protective measures, and the need for further research on effective solutions.

The consortium will be governed by a Steering Committee composed of one representative from each participating medical society, and one representative of George Mason University's Program on Climate & Health. Each participating medical society will designate a member of their society to serve on the steering committee for a term of two years (renewable), and a second member to act as an alternate, when necessary. The steering committee will convene quarterly via conference call and have one in person meeting at the Consortium annual meeting. The annual meeting will be held April 8-10, 2018 in Washington, DC.

The Steering Committee will develop statements, educational materials and guidance for medical society members and the larger medical community, the public and policy makers regarding the health harms caused by climate change, and the benefits of climate change solutions.

Steering committee members will coordinate with other steering committee members – and with the leadership and staff of their respective medical society to:

- Raise awareness and educate various important audiences – including the leadership, staff and members of their respective medical society, the public and policy makers at all levels – about the health threats of climate change, and health benefits of sustainable solutions;



- Encourage their respective medical societies to make their relevant policy statements, position papers and educational materials available to the public at their own websites and/or on a consortium web site;
- Encourage other medical societies to join the consortium; and
- Meet in person annually, and virtually as needed, to advance the mission of the consortium.

### **Members**

- American College of Physicians (ACP)
- American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
- American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)
- National Medical Association (NMA)
- American Academy of Allergy Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI)
- American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM)
- American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA)
- American Geriatrics Society (AGS)
- Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM)
- Academy of Integrative Health and Medicine (AIHM)
- American Association of Community Psychiatrists (AACCP)
- California Chapter of American College of Emergency Physicians
- American Telemedicine Association (ATA)