

Advocating for Preparation and Prevention of Climate Change Health Impacts

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Following an overview of the health impacts of climate change in the United States, this presentation will take a closer look at the impacts expected in the Carolinas, with a particular focus on the interaction between climate change, air quality and health. The US Global Climate Change Research Program has warned that these health impacts threaten to overwhelm our healthcare systems with increases in current problems as well as novel problems, such as vector-borne diseases from insects that are migrating north. The presentation will explore considerations that providers and systems may wish to review in preparing for this increased demand, and highlight how advocacy plays a role, both in addressing climate change and in preparing for its impacts.