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The Cost of Inaction on Climate
The health consequences of a rapidly changing climate are here and now. They are dangerous, and they are costly for people to treat and recover from.
SYNTHESIZING THE SCIENCE ON CLIMATE & HEALTH COSTS

The Costs of Inaction:
The Economic Burden of Fossil Fuels and Climate Change on Health in the United States

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A WIDE RANGE OF CLIMATE-FUELED HEALTH HARMS

- PM2.5 AIR POLLUTION FROM FOSSIL FUELS
- OZONE SMOG AIR POLLUTION
- INLAND FLOODING
- MOSQUITO- & TICK-BORNE INFECTIOUS DISEASES
- EXTREME HEAT
- AIRBORNE ALLERGENS
- COASTAL STORMS
- WILDFIRE SMOKE

PROBLEMS ARE LINKED TO OVER $820 BILLION IN HEALTH COSTS EACH YEAR
WHAT HEALTH COSTS ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

- Premature Deaths
- Medical Care (Emergency Room Visits & Hospitalizations)
- Lost Wages
- Outpatient Care
- Home Health Care
- Prescribed Medications
WHAT CAN HEALTH PROFESSIONALS DO?

Highlight the immense health & cost burden of fossil fuels climate change

Advocate for aggressive cuts in climate pollution and investments in community adaptation

Push to decarbonize the healthcare sector

Promote development of climate-ready health systems

Integrate climate change into healthcare and public health practice
Clean air yields health benefits that exceed costs by more than 30 to 1
Action on the climate crisis could save lives & billions of dollars in health costs, year after year.
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