



Reducing the Impact of Climate Change on Health:

THE ROLE OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

Saturday April 6, 2019
Boston, MA

OVERVIEW:

Presented by the MGH Institute Center for Climate Change, Climate Justice, this full-day symposium will provide health care professionals with an opportunity to engage in robust discussion about ideas for corrective action to improve the lives of people in the face of climate change.

Climate change is a growing health concern, with implications for safety and well-being; nutrition and food security; food-, water-, and vector-borne diseases; and mental health. Climate change and the social determinants of health are closely aligned, contributing to disparate environmental exposures and health inequalities, as a disproportionate number of low-income individuals, some communities of color, and those with higher vulnerability to disease and chronic health conditions are at risk.

Health professionals play a critical role in climate change prevention and preparedness. Join national experts and faculty from the MGH IHP School of Nursing Center for Climate Change, Climate Justice and Health to address ways to identify the risks of health climate change, advocate for climate/environmental justice and mitigate the impact of climate change on health and well-being.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Gina McCarthy

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OBJECTIVES:

- Discuss the role of health professionals to advocate for climate/environmental justice for all populations.
- Identify health risks of climate change.
- Apply health care models as a framework to understand the implications of climate change and implement action plans.
- Explore strategies to integrate health issues of climate change into health professions curricula.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

All health care professionals, providers, and educators who recognize the impact that climate change has on health and want to join the health professional community to identify and reduce the risks and consequences of climate change.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

Abstract session/poster topics should relate to the conference objectives.

LOCATION:

MGH Institute of Health Professions
36 1st Avenue Charlestown Navy Yard Boston, MA 02129

FORMAT AND COST:

Full-day symposium
8:00 am–5:00 pm
\$199 / Student Rate: \$49
Registration fee includes course materials, light breakfast, lunch, snacks & beverages.

REGISTRATION AND ABSTRACT SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

<http://info.mghihp.edu/healthimpactsofclimatechange>