

CLIMATE AND HEALTH

Topic: Acute illness climate change.

What 3 steps could we take to get Urgent Care involved in this area?

1. CRC create guidelines dengue, tick borne illness
2. Public health awareness of illnesses related to climate change.
3. How to diagnose/collaboration local HD, CDC
4. Research project related to extreme climate events. i.e. smoke inhalation, heat related.

What is most feasible and why?

~~CRC create guidelines.~~

Create a committee to create awareness + focus research within UC

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Topic: Acute worsening of chronic medical conditions

What 3 steps could we take to get Urgent Care involved in this area?

1. education
- primary care in UC
2. identify quantifiable data
- Regional vs national
3. Referral Networks

What is most feasible and why?

UCA → Communication
MyGreen Doctor

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Topic: Change in acute illnesses ^{related to} climate change

(tick/mosquito disease, fungal, other infectious disease, allergies)

What 3 steps could we take to get Urgent Care involved in this area?

1. Return to roots → Patient education, community health fairs, etc.
2. Using UC facilities to provide resources for those affected by climate driven disaster ~~or~~ consequence (illness outbreaks).
3. Advance preparation for evaluation + testing related to "novel" illnesses that are no longer novel.

What is most feasible and why?

All are feasible with appropriate designation of resources.

Incorporate training into existing/developing clinical training programs.

Use facilities as needs arise → Shift utilization of space to meet demand.

Monitor for trends + predicted changes @ the UCA level + share to members

(perhaps as part of Emergency Response/Preparedness initiative launched last year)

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1. • Hands on approach during annual/sports physicals.
2. • Better Referral network with identifiable fir-prc chronic medical problems prevalent to the area ie. cardiology/pulmonary Psychiatrist
3. • Certification Courses for providers to be more equipped in handling such illnesses.

• Teaching families about how to know our

What is most feasible and why? • Quality indexes

• Air pollution/heat/hot days

• Patient handouts/pamphlets on chronic medical illnesses

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Topic: Responsibility / Advocacy

What 3 steps could we take to get Urgent Care involved in this area?

1. incorporate the standard expectation of UC organizations to know their risk - know them grow!
once understood can move to education
2. UCA creating waste reduction guidelines to give to UC organizations
- 3.

What is most feasible and why?

incorporating the requirement of organizations to conduct a risk assessment (particularly in relation to climate change) into accreditation standards

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Topic: Responsibility / Accountability

What 3 steps could we take to get Urgent Care involved in this area?

1. Educate leaders of organizations of products used and waste generated and changes that can be made to reduce.
2. Elimination or Reduction of Red Bag Trash Bags in Urgent Care to eliminate waste
 - Change size of red bag trash (smaller)
 - Move location away from other trash
3. Use Suppliers who use more "recycled" packaging as a part of reason to select the supplier they use

What is most feasible and why?

Red Bag Trash Reduction

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Topic: Contributions of Health Care System/
Organization / Clinic to Climate Change
Health

What 3 steps could we take to get Urgent Care involved in this area?

1. Educate on what goes in red bag vs. other stuff to reduce waste
2. Use non-disposable instruments (look at health care regs)
3. Use LED lighting

What is most feasible and why?

Develop education for red bag usage - training. (don't assume PP automatically know what to do).
Make sure trainer is giving correct knowledge.

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Topic:

Health System Vulnerabilities

What 3 steps could we take to get Urgent Care involved in this area?

1. Public awareness campaigns of emerging illnesses
 - ▶ via social media, push out content, have members participate & repost/link back
2. UCA can create toolkits to raise industry-wide awareness for disaster preparedness
3. Establish best practices for surge management.

What is most feasible and why?

Disaster preparedness toolkits - already part of accreditation

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Topic: Health System Vulnerability and Sustainability.

What 3 steps could we take to get Urgent Care involved in this area?

1. FTEs should be dedicated to this initiative within HCSs.
2. Work with systemwide Supply Chain teams and see how they are incorporating this initiative into their business processes.
3. Emergency preparedness from a climate change perspective.

What is most feasible and why?

Tough → Clinicians are burdened with a lot of other competing priorities, thereby, making it tough to focus on this initiative.