Clinician Advocates for Climate Solutions in Virginia

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Medical Society of Virginia Resolution 2016-PASSED!

Protecting Human Health in a Changing Climate

Whereas, a warming world poses significant risks to human health, from: extreme weather events; heat illness; air pollution; allergies; food and water contamination; infectious disease; and
Whereas these effects are felt disproportionately in vulnerable populations, including children, the elderly and the disadvantaged; and...
“Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action”

Mission:

Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action (VCCA) is building a network of activated and engaged clinician leaders ready to speak on how climate change solutions protect the health of our patients and communities in Virginia.
Building a Coalition

Hospitals

Medical Societies

Organizations

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Education

April 2017
Conference, Inova Fairfax Hospital
*Climate Change and Health in Virginia*

January 2018
VCU and UVA Schools of Medicine
*Pediatric Grand Rounds, Samantha Ahdoot, MD*

February 2018
Conference, Bon Secours Health System, Richmond.
*Health in a Changing Climate*
*Understanding the Impacts on Virginians*

March 2018
Inova Fairfax Hospital
*Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, Nitin Damle, MD*

May 2018
Practical Strategies to Promote Student Health, Fishersville VA
*Lecture on Environmental Health & Climate Change, Dr. Jerome Paulson, MD, FAAP*

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Social and political advocacy is just another form of caring.
Advocacy

Advocacy Day January 25 2018

Executive Directive 11 Hearings March 2018

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Rafiq: Clean power repeal threatens Virginians' health

Mona Sarfaty column: Hiding in plain sight

Our Children Need Clean Car Standards to Protect Their Health

As a pediatrician, I’m entrusted with caring for the children in our community. It’s a responsibility that I take seriously. Throughout my career, I’ve been fortunate enough to help children overcome serious health challenges so that they’re able to become the best versions of themselves.
"My patients are the manual laborers who work outside during the hot summer, they’re the elderly, children and low income people who feel the effects of climate change the most," Dr. Janet Eddy with Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action, said.
VCCA in the Community

Dr. Krupal Shah
Dr. Tim O’Mara

Mother’s Day Climate Rally

When: May 6, 2018
1:30 PM – 3:00PM

Where:
Veterans Amphitheater at Fairfax City Hall
1045S Armstrong St.,
Fairfax, VA 22204

FREE! Everyone is welcome

RSVP: https://actionnetwork.org/events/mothers-day-climate-rally

Our children’s right to a healthy, stable planet must be respected. As we get ready to celebrate mothers everywhere, let’s rally for clean energy!
Let’s stand up for the future of our shared planet!
Let’s unite to protect the lives of our children and all future generations!
Be there on May 6 to bring this simple, human message of responsibility and hope and call on Virginia’s leaders to #ActOnClimate.

For more info contact: info@novaclimate.org

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VA Energy Plan Listening Sessions 8/2018

Dr. Robert Kitchen
VCCA invited to DEQ Stakeholder Review

Dr. Susan Miller

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EXECUTIVE ORDER SUPPORTING THE CRITICAL ROLE OF THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY IN PROTECTION OF VIRGINIA’S AIR, WATER, AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Importance of the Initiative

The Commonwealth of Virginia has made significant progress in controlling and reducing air and water pollution, though challenges remain. As Governor, it is my constitutional responsibility to ensure “clean air, pure water, and the use and enjoyment for recreation of adequate public lands, waters and other natural resources.” Virginia’s Constitution further sets forth the policy to “protect [our] atmosphere, lands, and waters from pollution, impairment or destruction for the benefit, enjoyment and general welfare of the people of the Commonwealth.”

Public health, recreational opportunities, safe drinking water, economic vitality, and our quality of life are linked directly to a healthy environment. It is critical that the Commonwealth’s natural resource agencies have the tools necessary to protect and improve our environmental quality.

Despite progress to reduce pollution, many Virginians, particularly those in urban and rural low income or minority communities, do not enjoy clean air and water for outdoor recreation and daily activities. Assessments of our waterways document improvements in the quality of some rivers and estuaries, but these assessments also show thousands of miles of streams that remain polluted. Additionally, many Virginians suffer from asthma attacks and other respiratory ailments that are directly attributable to poor air quality. Science also shows that carbon pollution and climate change are exacerbating these problems.
Dr. Samantha Ahdoot joins fellow panelists Major General Rick Devereaux and Fairfax County Supervisor Dan Storck with Senator Tim Kaine and Republican Candidate for Senate Supervisor Corey Stewart
Stronger Together
Save the Date!

2nd Annual Climate and Health Lobby Day
January 24th
Richmond

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