

A Healthy Response to the Climate Emergency - briefing and action planning for the ER community

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The climate crisis is a health emergency



Health professionals have a **social responsibility to act**

Health systems must be prepared for:



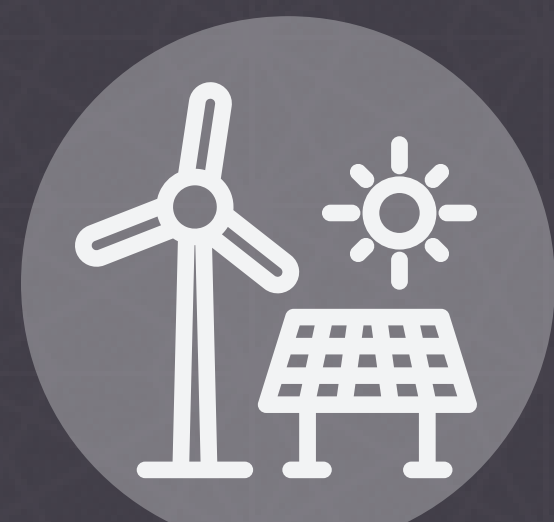
Change is needed now:



Active Travel



Plant-rich Diets



Low-Carbon Electricity



Enhancing Greenspaces

Can **save lives, decrease healthcare costs, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions**

The health sector is responsible for:



10% Global world product

5% Greenhouse gas emissions

Shifting practice, money, and power towards **decarbonizing**



We can lead the push towards a **healthy future**

The NHS has committed to:

2040 →
NET ZERO

✓ Met year 1 goals

🚑 Zero emission ambulance



It's time for **Canada** to follow its lead

