

Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action (VCCA) aims to build a network of activated and engaged clinician leaders ready to speak on what climate change means for health of our patients and communities in Virginia.

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Clinicians have the knowledge and mission to play a vital role in protecting the health and prosperity of Virginia's families and communities from climate change. VCCA aims to bring this critical perspective into climate-related policymaking in our state.

## Our Work:

In our work to foster climate and health advocacy and policymaking in Virginia, VCCA is working in three main arenas:

### **Education**

VCCA is working to educate medical professionals and students across disciplines in Virginia. We are bringing educational events to medical centers, hospitals, and medical societies throughout the state. Our first event at Inova Fairfax Hospital in 2017 featured speakers from Virginia Department of Health, U.S. Department of Agriculture and American Lung Association, amongst others. Presentations from this event are available on our website. VCCA has coordinated programs at multiple medical institutions in Virginia for 2017-2018. Through these events, we aim to recruit a base of clinicians across the state to serve as advocates for their patients and communities.

#### **Advocacy**

VCCA is working to increase understanding of the public and state legislators of the critical intersections between health and climate and the considerable health benefits of solutions to climate change. We are engaging with elected officials and policymakers and participating in public forums across the state to help ensure that policies are made with the health of our citizens and communities as the top priority. We seek to promote sustainability and resilience of communities and medical facilities.

# **Community Outreach**

VCCA is working to educate and empower the public around local and state climate-related policies that impact publichealth and welfare. Through work with community leaders, production of educational materials, and research, as well as op-eds and letters to the editor, VCCA is empowering the public to protect their families and communities.

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Through our collaboration with the Medical Society Consortium on Climate & Health, VCCA provides members with access to high quality environmental and scientific content materials and educational events from trusted sources.