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MD Advocacy on Climate Change

It is becoming increasingly evident that the climate crisis has serious implications for ecosystems, communities, and civilization itself. To date, the health frame has been underused as a method of creating understanding and engagement on the issue. Health professionals, as trusted members of society, can play an outsized role in creating the changes needed to allow for the speedy transformation of our energy systems. Case studies using the Alberta Coal Phase Out, Canadian Coal Phase Out, and creation of Alberta Health Service's Office of Sustainability will illustrate the discussion

1. To gain a greater understanding of the health implications of climate disruption and the health benefits from mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions.
2. To understand the role health and medical professionals can play in successful advocacy on the climate crisis.