Happy New Year!

Thank you for subscribing to the Rx for Climate mailing list, and welcome to our third quarterly newsletter! Please see below for news, publication spotlight, and ways to take action.

Please feel free to share Rx for Climate and this newsletter with your networks.
Opportunities for Involvement

The Planetary Health Report Card
The Planetary Health Report Card (PHRC) is used by health professional schools to identify opportunities for engagement in 5 areas: curriculum, research, community outreach and advocacy, student-led initiatives, and campus sustainability. Though initially created with medical schools, this group is now piloting a pharmacy school PHRC. Navigate here for the 2021-22 Pharmacy PHRC. For more information, please email: pharmacyreportcard@outlook.com

Global Consortium on Climate and Health Education
The Global Consortium on Climate and Health Education (GCCHE) welcomes members at the institutional and individual level to share resources, attend events, and network with others about climate and health education. Check out their membership information and options here. The GCCHE also offers a Climate and Health Education Student Fellowship. Applications are now open and can be accessed here.

Publication Spotlight:
"Substance use and the environment: time for pharmacy to step up"

The Pharmaceutical Journal published an opinion piece by Gittins and colleagues about environmental sustainability considerations with controlled and illicit substances. The authors outline issues with these substances including plastic and paraphernalia waste and disposal, prescription and dispensing requirements increasing the need for transportation, and policy considerations. You can read the full article here.

Member Spotlight:
Ladan Karim-Nejad Joins Rx for Climate

We are proud to announce new pharmacy student involvement on the Rx for Climate Leadership Team! **Ladan Karim-Nejad** joined the Rx for Climate Leadership Team this Fall. Ladan is a pharmacy student at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy. She is also the Co-Founder and Co-President of the [Sustainable Pharmacy Project](https://shoutout.wix.com/so/63OMSrjHT?languageTag=en&status=Draft&cid=00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000), a student-led organization dedicated to education on the environmental impacts of medications. Please join us in welcoming Ladan!
Education Resources

- A free repository of Climate Resources for Health Education is available online. This global initiative is led by health professionals, and aims to provide evidence-based resources to accelerate the incorporation of climate change and planetary health information into educational curricula. The Rx for Climate group is currently working on adding pharmacy-specific objectives to the database, which will be available here in the coming months.

- Looking for a new podcast to follow in 2023? Check out the “Climate Clinic” from the Global Consortium on Climate & Health Education, available to listeners on Spotify and Apple platforms. Their published episodes feature a wide variety of topics and guests with content intended for all health-related professionals from a range of backgrounds. The podcast has four unique streams:

  1. Be the Expert: Listeners learn about the most pressing, recent developments in climate and health research, from leading evidence-based journals, in 15 minutes every week.
  2. Code Red: Deep dive conversations into some of the most important global climate and health events and field work. The hosts chat with subject matter experts including public health officials, healthcare providers and researchers, as well as community members who are at the epicentre of the climate-health crisis. Each episode aims to inspire, inform and encourage individuals and teams from all healthcare disciplines. Prior episodes have included the Pakistan flooding and health impacts of Sargassum in Mexico & the Caribbean.
  3. Be the Change: An action-oriented podcast centered around mitigation and adaptation within healthcare. We speak to and showcase individuals, health systems or organizations from around the world that are inspiring and leading the path forwards for others to emulate.
  4. Code Green: This is a podcast made by students, for students since 2020. The next generation of healthcare professionals delve into the most important climate and health issues facing our planet, providing a united voice to tackle the greatest threat of our lifetime.
New Podcast Episodes Weekly - Tune-in Today!

Get in Touch

We would love to hear from you! Please reach out and tell us what aspects of sustainability and climate-smart pharmacy practice are important to you. We would love to connect, learn, and spotlight work that you have been doing towards sustainability in pharmacy in a future newsletter!

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