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Background
Climate change is a global phenomenon, affecting all aspects of society and health. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recognizes the importance of addressing climate change and its impact on human health. This policy outlines the CMA's position on the role of health professionals in addressing climate change.

RATIONALE
The health impacts of climate change are significant and require urgent action. The CMA supports policies and programs that address the root causes of climate change and mitigate its impacts on human health.

RECOMMENDATIONS
1. Health professionals should incorporate climate change as a key component of patient care, including risk assessment, management, and education.
2. Health systems should be adapted to better care for populations that are disproportionately affected by climate change, such as vulnerable communities.
3. The CMA supports policies that promote sustainable practices in health care, including reducing carbon emissions and promoting healthy lifestyles.
4. Health professionals should be well-trained in the assessment and management of climate change-related health impacts.
5. The CMA recommends increased investment in research to better understand the health effects of climate change.

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