



LEADERSHIP



Visionary health systems understand that addressing climate change must be core to their mission of improving health, and many are using their trusted voice to lead by example. Consider the following:

- Health organizations and clinicians have shown to be the most trusted messengers on climate change, according to research by Yale and George Mason universities.
- More and more, prospective employees are seeking job opportunities in organizations which reflect and align with their own values in regard to environmental stewardship. According to a 2011 survey by Pew Research Center, 80 percent of Millennials (born after 1980) want to work for companies who care about their environmental impact.



Recognizing that thermal coal poses a significant threat to human health and the environment, Dignity Health revised its policy to restrict investments in coal and to identify new investment opportunities that mitigate climate change. Dignity Health also co-sponsored the Health & Climate Summit during COP21 and presented at various venues in Paris, including the Blue Zone at Le Bourget, in support of an ambitious climate agreement. Dignity Health's advocacy leadership is notable also in California where they've helped pass landmark climate and energy legislation.



Kaiser Permanente has publicly pledged to become carbon net positive by 2025, and its significant increase in renewable power purchasing is already helping its California facilities to receive nearly half of their electricity from renewable sources.



Virginia Mason has worked with policymakers to better understand the connections between climate and health, both by supporting the price on carbon legislation in Washington state as well as by co-founding and chairing Washington Business for Climate Action.



In an effort to educate patients and communities on the health impacts of climate change, Inova features climate and health language on their external website and a series of brochures that explain climate change impacts on vulnerable populations. Inova also educates clinicians by conducting Grand Rounds and targeted seminars to pass along important climate change information.