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## CARING FOR PATIENTS, FAMILIES, AND OUR PLANET: AN EXPLORATORY CONVERSATION INTO HOW HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS MIGHT ETHICALLY ADAPT TO ADDRESS THE GREATEST THREAT TO HUMAN HEALTH

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Since 2019, the World Health Organization has deemed “air pollution and climate change” as the greatest threat to human health. In Canada, air pollution and climate change are responsible for thousands of hospital visits each year, and more than fifteen thousand deaths. What’s more, the health threat posed by climate change and air pollution disproportionately affects the most vulnerable members of our society – including young children and older adults – and the situation is only getting worse.

In this presentation, we will:

1. Unpack the impact healthcare systems have on climate change and the related effects on human health;
2. Examine existing sustainability efforts by healthcare systems and institutions amidst the ethical imperative to minimize the harmful effects of climate change; and
3. Explore how healthcare systems might build upon existing initiatives to be more environmentally friendly.

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