

Pledge Form for Healthcare Sector Stakeholder Event

Climate change represents a major threat to human health in the coming century with particularly acute impacts for people that have been marginalized around the world and across the United States.¹ Stakeholders in the U.S. health care system – including hospitals, health systems, payers, suppliers and pharmaceutical companies - must lead the response to this crisis through their example and through preparedness to meet the catastrophic and chronic challenges to come. We must rapidly develop approaches to care that meet the climate health needs of disproportionately affected patients and families, and we must just as rapidly reduce our contributions to the greenhouse gas emissions that are threatening life on the planet.

As such, our organization makes the following commitments on behalf of the health and well-being of people today and future generations. We voluntarily pledge to:

1. *At minimum*, reduce organizational emissions by 50% by 2030 (from a baseline no earlier than 2008) and achieve net-zero by 2050, publicly accounting for progress on this goal every year.
 - a) Share publicly our strategies for reducing on-site emissions (where relevant addressing sources related to on-site energy usage, waste anesthetic gases, vehicle fleets and refrigerants).
2. Designate an executive-level lead for our work on reducing emissions by 2023 and conduct an inventory of Scope 3 (supply chain) emissions by the end of 2024.
3. Develop and release a climate resilience plan for continuous operations by the end of 2023, anticipating the needs of groups in our community that experience disproportionate risk of climate-related harm.

These commitments are largely consistent with the commitments of federal government health systems as outlined in Executive Order 14057 and we will gladly join in a public-private collaboration to share learning in pursuit of these goals.

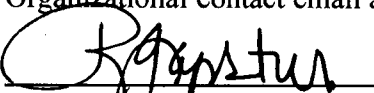
(Space to share additional commitments, activities and achievements follows on the next page.)

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¹ Atwoli, L, Banqui A, Benfield T, et al. (2021). Call for emergency action to limit global temperature increases, restore biodiversity, and protect health. *Lancet*, 398(10304):939-41.

Additional organizational clarifications (e.g., baseline year, if possible, for first element of pledge), commitments, activities and achievements of note:

*WellSpan has completed the carbon footprint for the Acute Care Hospitals-Scope 1 and 2 GHG Emissions, CY21:58,142 MTCO₂e.

*Areas for focus will be Greening the OR, Sustainable Procurement, & Sustainable Energy