Climate and weather-related changes are known environmental issues with reported health risks affecting millions worldwide. Moreover, there remains a widespread lack of awareness about these changes as health issues. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) notes that health threats of climate and weather changes vary according to age, economic resources, and location, and not every person is equally at risk.

A new report from a commission convened by the medical journal *The Lancet* has galvanized the attention of the public health community in ways that other reports have not (Wang & Horton, 2015; Watts et al., 2017). One cause for alarm is that the public health community has observed increased spread of deadly infectious diseases that are weather related, including climate change. For example, a recent report shows that transmission of dengue fever by just two types of mosquito has increased 3% and 5.9%, a result of a broad range of factors including climate change. The report warns of an increase in mortality.

The impacts of heat waves, weather-related disasters, climate-sensitive conditions, exposure to air pollution, and malnutrition all affect human health in dangerous ways.

A Call for Manuscripts

It is time for nurses and other health professionals to identify and communicate the threats of environmental risks central to human well-being. Threats to public health and wellness warrant the concerted attention of all health professionals. Therefore, *Nursing Economic* is seeking manuscripts, scholarly opinions, and review papers that address changes in the environment and health. By addressing climate and weather-related change resilience to improve global health, nurses and other health providers can tackle key health determinants: access to safe water and clean air, food security, strong and accessible health systems, and reductions in social and economic inequity. Below are suggested areas authors might consider for the special issue:

**Health Impacts of Climate Hazards**
- Exposure to temperature change
- Exposure to heatwaves
- Exposure to flood
- Exposure to drought
- Changes in the incidence and geographical range of climate-sensitive infectious diseases across sentinel sites
- Food security and undernutrition

**Health Resilience and Adaptation**
- Integration of health into national adaptation plans
- Climate services for health
- Health and economic burdens of climate-driven migration of rural populations to urban areas
- Global implication of climate for U.S. health system
- Financial implications of climate on U.S. health system
- Innovative nursing interventions to combat community health-related issues

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