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**November 25th 2011: Preparing for the Healthcare Costs of Climate Change**

Climate change endangers human health, and costs us money in both lost and interrupted lives and increased health care. In a study published in the journal Health Affairs, a team of scientists from the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) partnered with university economists to investigate the health costs of six climate change-related events, and found the estimated costs totaled more than \$14 billion (in 2008 U.S. dollars). The study team selected six types of events that will worsen with climate change in ways likely to harm human health—ozone smog pollution, heat waves, hurricanes, mos

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**Kim Knowlton**

Kim Knowlton, DrPH, is Assistant Clinical Professor of Environmental Health Sciences at the Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University; Senior Scientist with the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)'s health and environment program in New York City; and chair of the Global Climate Change and Health Committee of the American Public Health Association's Environment Section. She is Co-Convening Lead Author for the Human Health chapter of the 2013 Synthesis of the National Climate Assessment; and was among the researchers who participated in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's 2007 Fourth Assessment Report. Her work focuses on the health impacts of climate change, advo

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**Wendy Max**

Wendy Max, Ph.D. is Professor of Health Economics and Co-Director of the Institute for Health & Aging at the University of California, San Francisco. She has been on the faculty at UCSF since 1987. Her recent research has focused on modeling the economic impact of tobacco on healthcare expenditures, lost productivity, and premature mortality. She and her colleagues have estimated national costs of smoking; costs to Medicare, Medicaid, and private payers; costs in California; and the impact on communities of color. They have studied the impact on smoking in managed care organizations and on persons with mental illness. They are currently developing models of the impact of secondhand expo

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