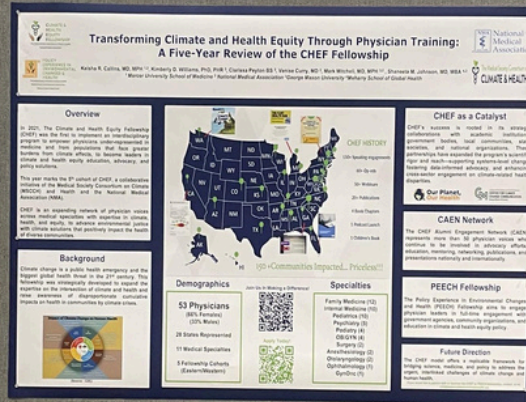


From Clinic to Advancing Science: Physicians Advancing Climate and Health Equity



Dr. Keisha Callins, 2025 CHEF Fellow and OB/GYN located in Georgia, presented a poster of the five-year review of CHEF, reflecting on the history, impact, and reach of the 53 physician climate and health equity leaders at the American Geophysical Union's December 2025 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.



Specialties

- Family Medicine (12)
- Internal Medicine (10)
- Pediatrics (10)
- Psychiatry (5)
- Podiatry (4)
- OB/GYN (4)
- Surgery (2)
- Anesthesiology (2)
- Otolaryngology (2)
- Ophthalmology (1)
- GynOnc (1)

Demographics

- 53 Physicians (66% Females, 33% Males)
- 28 States Represented
- 11 Medical Specialties
- 5 Fellowship Cohorts (Eastern/Western)

Dr. Kathi Earles, 2025 CHEF Fellow and pediatrician located in Georgia, was featured as a presenter for the Climate Justice Equation: Science, Health, and Your Role in the Solution, as part of the University of Florida's Martin Luther King, Jr. Lecture Series.

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Future-proof your anesthesia practice: disaster preparedness in a changing environment.

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Health and Natural Disasters

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Dr. Donna Kiel, 2024 CHEF Fellow and anesthesiologist located in New York, co-presented on Health and Natural Disasters at the 2025 New York State Society of Anesthesia annual conference on December 13th.

Vaccinations
NOVEMBER 22, 2025

By Dr. René Settle-Robinson, Podiatrist
Outreach Community Health Center; Wisconsin State Director of Health Committee for the NAACP; Healthy Climate Wisconsin, VP; Climate and Health Equity Fellowship graduate 2022

There is a saying in the Black community, "When White folks get a cold, Black folks get pneumonia." Just about every healthcare problem that you can imagine is always 2 to 10 times worse among Black folks than it is among White folks. There are many factors that contribute to those statistics. One of them should not be the unwillingness to get vaccinated.

Our current United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, Robert F Kennedy Jr. is an anti-vaccine activist. Because he does not believe in vaccines, people who are afraid of shots, or want a good excuse not to get vaccinated, will choose not to be vaccinated. It is likely that the vaccinations, which were covered through the health department in the past, may not be covered in the future under his administration. This does not negate the need for vaccinations.

Dr. René Settle-Robinson, 2022 CHEF Fellow and podiatrist located in Wisconsin, was featured on the front page of the Milwaukee Courier discussing vaccinations from the lens of health equity in Milwaukee County.

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The Medical Society Consortium on Climate & Health and the National Medical Association were highlighted in the Chicago newspaper CITIZEN for graduating the 2025 class of 14 physician fellows, in addition to the capstones and work they accomplished.

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