

# The Impacts of Climate Change on Pediatric Mental Health

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***Learning Objectives:*** *As a result of participating in this Live Internet Activity, participants should be able to:*

- *Describe the relationship of temperature with the prevalence of mental health disorders, how psychiatric patients are more prone to thermodynamical dysregulation, and the role of serotonin and other neurotransmitters in thermoregulation.*
- *Review the neuropsychiatric sequelae of nutritional deficiencies secondary to climate change.*
- *Assess the traumatic and existential impacts of climate change on pediatric mental health and what to do about it.*

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