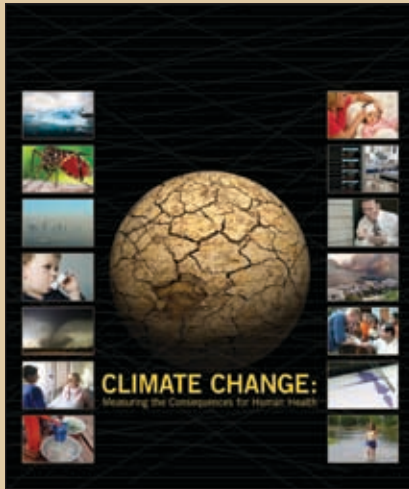


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How is climate change contributing to the global burden of disease? This month's International Perspectives article, "Climate Change and Disability-Adjusted Life Years," reviews the state of the research. Perhaps because of the difficulties inherent in measuring the impact of climate change, relatively few studies have addressed the topic. The authors discuss some of those difficulties and identify some of the myriad areas of potential or actual impact, including diarrheal disease; malaria; unintentional injuries; protein-energy malnutrition; vector-, water-, and foodborne diseases; chronic respiratory disorders; heat- or cold-related disorders; and psychological disorders. They conclude that "the impact of climate on human health has certainly been underestimated" because most studies have focused on extra mortality attributable to extreme weather without considering more widespread impacts on morbidity.

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