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Influences of environmental factors on human health**Amir Elahi Johri**

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World Health Organization estimates that 23% of all deaths worldwide and 22% of all DALYs are attributable to the environmental factors. From conception to adulthood and later ages, we all are exposed to environmental influences that effect our health. Environmental risks like water and air quality, food and chemicals safety, waste disposal and built environment can lead to various detrimental health effects. It is now widely recognized that public health challenges and environmental sustainability are interlinked, therefore these should be addressed jointly. In recent years, the environmental scientists have focused on the implications on human health by the built environment, e.g. food outlets, road designs, transportation systems, housing, parks etc. It has been documented that living in low socioeconomic neighborhood has been linked to higher rates of injuries and accidents. At present, the public health community is concerned with rapid environmental change leading to detrimental health effects on human population, therefore they are tasked with integration of public health and environmental sustainability as common course for partnerships, alliances in policy developments. Eventually, reducing environmental exposures would greatly reduce the global burden of disease.

Biography

Amir Elahi.Johri is a public health physician and has extensive experience in environmental/public health. He has worked for many international and national organizations around the world. His expertise include; environmental health in emergencies, environmental and occupational health policies and strategies, environmental health risk assessment, migrants & refugees health, etc. Johri has worked for World Health Organization (WHO) at the national and international level. He was also engaged with International Organization for Migration (IOM) with Syrian refugees in Jordan. Currently he is the advisor at the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, Ministry of Health – Oman. Johri has presented several papers at different international forums. He is actively involved developing national environmental health & occupational policies, strategies and actions plans, as well as training and teaching of environmental and occupational health disciplines.

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