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The Consortium announces new publications written by physician leaders from Consortium member societies, one appearing this week in *JAMA*; the other last week in the ACEP Journal *Annals of Emergency Medicine*.

The first publication, [*Association of Air Pollution and Heat Exposure With Preterm Birth, Low Birth Weight, and Stillbirth in the US*](#) was co-authored Nate DeNicola, MD, MSHP, ACOG representative to the Consortium Steering Committee. Dr. DeNicola is also the liaison between ACOG and the American Academy of Pediatrics Council on the Environment. His fellow authors are Dr. Bruce Bekkar, Dr. Susan Pacheco, and Rupa Basu. The article explores the association between heat, air pollution and birth outcomes for the social determinants of health and environmental justice. The study finds that women exposed to high temperatures or air pollution are more likely to have premature, underweight or stillborn babies. This piece is written up by the NYT on 6/18/20 [*“Climate Change Tied to Pregnancy Risks, Affecting Black Mothers Most.”*](#)

The second title, [*Clinical Implications of Climate Change on US Emergency Medicine: Challenges and Opportunities*](#), was co-authored by Drs. Cecilia Sorenson, Renee Salas, and Jay Lemery, and others. Dr. Sorenson was a Climate Health Fellow with the Consortium in 2018; Dr. Salas is faculty at the Harvard Chan School of Public Health and a regular participant in Consortium meetings. She is also a lead author on the Lancet Countdown U.S. Policy Brief. Dr. Jay Lemery is a member of the Consortium Board of Advisors, and faculty in emergency medicine at the University of Colorado, Denver. Dr. Sorenson is also faculty at UC Denver. The article outlines how climate change is and will continue to affect emergency medicine practice and lists 7 key areas through which emergency medicine can lead the medical response to climate change.

Both articles are available on the Consortium website.