One Health Initiative

Advocacy to Unite Human and Veterinary Medicine with Ecosystem Health

Description

Recognizing that human health, animal health, and ecosystem health are inextricably linked, One Health seeks to promote, improve, and defend the health and well being of all species by enhancing cooperation and collaboration between physicians, veterinarians, other scientific health and environmental professionals and by promoting strengths in leadership and management to achieve these goals. The One Health Initiative will advance the concept of one health with the ultimate goals of protecting and saving lives in future generations by accelerating biomedical research discoveries, enhancing public health efficacy, expeditiously expanding the scientific knowledge base, and improving medical education and clinical care. The One Health Initiative leadership team promotes One Health via newspaper and professional journal publications and through the One Health Initiative website.

Purpose

One Health (formerly called One Medicine) is dedicated to improving the lives of all species—human and animal—through the integration of human medicine, veterinary medicine and environmental science. The aim of the One Health Initiative is to increase communication and collaboration between human, animal, and ecosystem health professionals.

Scope

Global

Primary Funders

None. An autonomous *pro bono* team carries out all activities of the One Health Initiative.

Participants & Key Collaborators

More than 40 organizations representing global health and more than 597 prominent scientists, physicians and veterinarians worldwide have endorsed the initiative.

Definition of One Health

The One Health concept is a worldwide strategy for expanding interdisciplinary collaborations and communications in all aspects of health care for humans, animals and the environment.

Monitoring & Evaluation Strategy

Success is informally measured by the number of individuals and organizations that support One Health and the number of new One Health efforts.

Sources of Information

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