Climate Change is causing heatwaves to become more frequent and severe and yet there has been very little immediate response by government or the international community. This year 22,000 people were hospitalized in Japan when temperatures hit 41°C and it is projected that by 2050 there could be up to 7,000 heat-related deaths in the UK per year. Heatwaves represent a serious public health problem but there is limited data available on the impacts of climate change on heatwave-related mortality on a global scale.

In this presentation the current state of research and knowledge about the impact of heat waves will be summarised with reference to the health and health systems. Specifically there will be a focus on the following aspects: vulnerability, risk factors like age, socio economic and structural factors, medical and social complications, adaptation and mitigation strategies.

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