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## NOW DOCTORS TOLD TO LECTURE US ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Royal College of Physicians guide tells medics to look out for 'eco

distress' and promotes remote appointments to cut emissions

By **Shaun Wooller** Health Editor

DOCTORS should start warning patients about the dangers of climate change, health leaders say.

The Royal College of Physicians yesterday issued controversial guidance that tells doctors to use their status as 'trusted members of the community' to raise the topic in consultations and 'repeat it often'.

It also calls on them to reduce their carbon footprint by considering working from home and cutting back on prescriptions and tests.

And they are told to look out for people suffering 'eco-distress' – the name given to anxiety and depression caused by climate change.

There was an immediate backlash when the 'green toolkit' was posted on GP industry website Pulse, with warnings it could result in missed diagnoses.

One commenter, on a forum designed for GPs to share their views, described it as 'virtue signalling' with 'zero danger of

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