

**Call for Papers**  
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The *climate crisis* is having massive negative effects on the health care sector and humanity. Understanding health systemically against the backdrop of planetary boundaries (Rockström et al. 2009) is becoming increasingly relevant in order to secure humanity's chances of survival. The young discipline of *Planetary Health* (Pongsiri et al. 2019) opens up a new perspective.

Humans and their health are inextricably linked to nature. At the same time it is apparent how humans influence nature in the Anthropocene which is having negative consequences on people's health. Furthermore, the complexity of the state of our planet becomes clearer which urgently requires global societal action based on globally applicable normative guidelines (17 Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs)) in order to bring about the necessary major transformation (WBGU 2011; Göpel 2016) towards sustainable action for humanity.

Within the UN Agenda 2030, *SDG 3 "Health and Well-being"* aims to improve general healthcare provision, to protect people from diseases and grant access to safe and affordable medicines and vaccines for all. Although great progress has been made in recent years to improve the health of all humans, a large proportion of the world's population is still without access to vital health services or has only very limited access to them. Achieving the goal of "health for all" in terms of ensuring equitable healthcare requires sustainable investment in healthcare systems.

The necessary transformations also require corresponding approaches at regional level and their global scaling. *Pioneers of change* (Umweltbundesamt 2023) and how the critical mass for transformation is created are central. Network theory is particularly suitable as a framework for analysis in this field.

Health Care providers are faced with an increase in demand due to the consequences of climate change. Regulatory pressure has increased, particularly for large hospitals, to improve their non-financial reporting and *sustainability management*. Beyond the regulatory constraints, key stakeholder groups, above all some potential and current employees, expect from healthcare providers to make their contributions towards the green transformation.

With this in mind, those responsible for this Z'GuG thematic focus invite you to submit your contribution dealing with *Greening Health Care* on a macro, meso or micro level. This includes contributions on the following topics:

- Strategies and approaches for achieving SDG 3
- Social, organisational and/or individual obstacles on the path to the great transformation in the Anthropocene
- Regional learning from pioneers of change through network activities
- Green transformation of health care providers
- Innovative approaches of sustainability management in hospitals
- Potentials and obstacles concerning sustainable management control in hospitals

## Publication modalities and time line

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