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One health- The time is now

The Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine has a long history of engagement in One Health. The veterinary profession and related health professions interact with both people and animals; therefore, providing a critical intersection of health and wellness information, especially in the areas of zoonotic and infectious diseases, and safe animal-sourced food products. The American Veterinary Medical Association One Health initiative states that: One Health is the integrative effort of multiple disciplines working locally, nationally, and globally to attain optimal health for people, animals, and the environment. One Health is also reflected in our college mission statement: The Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine is dedicated to the enhancement of the health and well-being of animals and human beings through excellence in education, research, professional practice and committed service to the State of Iowa, the nation and the world. It is a critical time to support one health in our missions of education, research, professional practice, and outreach, since a collaborative team approach with various experts is needed to solve global problems that impact public health.

Biography

Claire Andreassen is a Professor and Director of One Health at Iowa State University (ISU) College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM). She has worked with Centers of Excellence at Iowa State, Kansas State and Texas A&M Universities, with funding for emerging and transboundary animal disease education, pathology, and secure food continuity. She has a DVM from Texas A&M, she was in clinical practice, completed a pathology residency and PhD from the University of Georgia and obtained board certification. She was on faculty at Oregon State University before coming to the ISU CVM. She was previously a Department Chair and then Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs. She has received university awards in teaching, research and departmental leadership.

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