The Partnership for Quality Medical Donations

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Heart to Heart International-Haiti opened and operates a Women’s Market Clinic in Pétion-ville, Haiti, bringing care directly and conveniently to women where they need it most. (Photo courtesy Heart to Heart International)

Five Pillars of PQMD

1. DONATION GUIDELINES
   The “PQMD Guidelines for Quality Medical Product Donations” are a set of guidelines for health supply and service donation across the globe.
   - Foundation of PQMD
   - Influence and assure high standards of donations
   - Updated annually and approved by board

2. HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE
   Members donate and deliver hundreds of millions of dollars’ worth of medical products and services each year for humanitarian assistance in the U.S. and around the world.
   - Coordination between and among members
   - Assistance to most vulnerable communities

3. DISASTER RESPONSE
   When a catastrophe strikes, members are among the first to respond with health-saving contributions, with short-term emergency aid to communities.
   - Initiate process of rebuilding healthcare infrastructures
   - Address the complex logistics of any situation efficiently and effectively
   - Ensure health needs of disaster-affected populations are quickly met

4. HEALTH SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING
   Members are recognized as leaders in their industry or field of practice, making them optimally positioned to:
   - Advance service delivery, to
   - Disseminate health workforce information
   - Develop, donate, and deliver medical products and technology to build resilience and empower communities

5. KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION
   Members consistently share best practices in the medical donations field. Initiatives include:
   - Annual Global Health Policy Forums and Educational Forums
   - Studies to better understand issues, activities, and trends regarding medical donations
Benefits of PQMD Membership

PQMD IS THE LEADING ORGANIZATION FOR CORPORATIONS AND NON-PROFITS CONCERNED WITH IMPROVING THE STANDARDS OF DONATING AND DELIVERING HEALTH PRODUCTS AND SERVICES ON A GLOBAL SCALE.

AFFILIATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF LEADING CORPORATE AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Members of PQMD become part of a community of practice populated by highly respected organizations. Member representatives are experts in their fields and work in collaboration to share experience and knowledge, learning from each other in a trusting and confidential environment.

RECOGNITION AS A MEMBER OF A GLOBAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

PQMD is a recognized thought leader in the field of medical product donations. The “PQMD Guidelines on Quality Medical Donations” were developed and are maintained in concert with the World Health Organization’s (WHO) “Inter-agency Guidelines for Medicine Donations.” Additionally, PQMD is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as a “Standards Development Organization.”

MANAGEMENT OF THE PQMD GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

PQMD is a member-driven organization. As chairs or participants in any internal committee, member representatives have many opportunities to provide leadership in developing and implementing PQMD policies and programs.

ENGAGEMENT IN STRENGTHENING BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES

Through service on committees, member representatives have the opportunity to share experiences and knowledge that help to shape and strengthen PQMD’s Guidelines on best practices for donation and delivery of medical products and services.

“PQMD creates an important connection and forum for accountability between pharmaceutical donors and recipients, ensuring we each uphold high standards and best practices for the benefit of those we serve. Just as importantly, PQMD also facilitates ongoing conversations around development: what works on the ground, what doesn’t and how we can work together.”

- Jim Cox, Executive Vice President of Health and Emergency Programs, IMA World Health and Lutheran World Relief
ENHANCED PROGRAMMATIC LEVERAGE AND IMPACT
“The relationships that member representatives of PQMD build become partnerships that enable their respective organizations to collaborate, leveraging their strengths for increased impact on beneficiaries and clients.

KEY ROLE IN COORDINATING DISASTER MANAGEMENT RESPONSE
PQMD members play a critical role in responding to disasters, both in the US and abroad. Member representatives share up-to-date disaster response information with each other and help to coordinate their organizational responses efficiently and effectively.

ACCESS TO ONGOING KNOWLEDGE-BUILDING ACTIVITIES
Knowledge-building is a key activity for PQMD. Member representatives have numerous opportunities to participate in educational forums, informational webinars, committee meetings, and other data-sharing activities. Members have unlimited use of members only and open use resources to help them stay abreast of changes in the field, explore emerging issues, and gain other valuable insight to support them as they work inside their own organizations and with other members of PQMD.

“When we meet with physicians working in remote clinics and health outposts around the world, they tell us the medicines from MAP International are “good as gold.” It is because of the work of PQMD that MAP is able to offer this quality guarantee.”
Steve Stirling, MAP International President & CEO

Nancy Odari is a pastor, former nurse and mother. She received early diagnosis and treatment for breast cancer thanks to community health screenings through AMPATH, Lilly’s global health partner in Kenya. (Photo courtesy of Lilly)

Medical Team International continues to provide critical care in Syria, including in-clinic breathing treatments. (Photo courtesy Medical Teams International)
The Partnership for Quality Medical Donations

The Partnership for Quality Medical Donations (PQMD) is a unique alliance of non-profit and corporate organizations committed to bringing measurable health impact to under-served and vulnerable people through active engagement with global partners and local communities.

Through five integrated pillars of work, we envision and act towards a higher standard of excellence in medical product donations and health care service delivery, so that geography and economic status are no longer barriers to everyone living a healthier life.

Each year, our members:

- Work in every region of the world, reaching over 180 countries
- Provide healthcare aid & access to upwards of 50M people around the world
- Engage 120,000+ volunteers across more than 344 emergencies, domestic and international

In 2018, members responded to many needs, including the earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia, flooding in India, volcanic eruptions in Guatemala, as well as the ebola outbreak in the DRC and continued needs of the Syria refugee crisis.
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