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Note from Elizabeth (EJ) Ashbourne, PQMD Executive Director

Happy end-of-summer greetings! I can't believe the season is almost over! I hope everyone has enjoyed some much-needed rest and relaxation.

PQMD is gearing up for our annual, members-only Education Forum and we are developing a truly thought-provoking and engaging agenda. Registration is now open! The meeting, being held October 17-19, 2023 in beautiful Santa Barbara, California, is hosted by Direct Relief.

Members, if you haven't yet, please register now to join us. The registration and event program links are available on the Community of Practice (CoP) [here](#) (*members only*). I can't wait to see many of you soon!



For PQMD, the month of August is an opportunity to remind our members and all global health professionals in the medical donations space about the many resources and programs we have available for your use, including our Guidelines Modules, Measuring for Success toolkit, GARDaccess guidelines and materials, Global Health and Development Essentials course, Aligned Metrics Initiative, Spotlight on Hygiene Kits metrics and Helpdesk, and more! You can access all of these tools on our [website](#), [CoP](#) and in the newsletter below.

Lastly, I want to mention that PQMD has been closely monitoring the response to the catastrophic fires that impacted Maui in August. Many of our members have been responding by sending medical donations, money and other supplies to support the immense humanitarian needs in Hawaii. Read more about our members' responses in the Member News article below.

Enjoy the last few days of summer and stay safe!



PQMD Holding Members-Only Education Forum in October: Registration Now Open!

PQMD members should mark your calendars, register and start booking your flights and hotel to join us for PQMD's 2023 Education Forum hosted by Direct Relief in Santa Barbara, California! **For more information, including the link for registration and the latest agenda, visit the CoP [here](#) (members only).**

The Education Forum is PQMD's annual members-only networking meeting and serves as an opportunity for members to learn from each other by sharing experiences and insights, working together through challenges, and discovering opportunities for collaboration. The meeting will be composed of compelling panels, working groups, and networking sessions that provide members the opportunity to dive deep into pertinent topics such as climate & health, health system strengthening, supply chain, and resilience in access to medicine.

PQMD Highlights Resources in August

PQMD has taken the opportunity in August to highlight the many resources, tools and programs available to our members and global health professionals in the medical donations field. You can learn more below (*click on the thumbnail image to learn more*). You can also find the one-page flyers pictured below [here](#).

PQMD Guidelines

Guidelines

A truly successful donation program must rely on trust, knowledge and familiarity with programs, products and global health markets.

Visit our online, interactive Guidelines module!

- Donation Guidelines
- Market Mission Guidelines
- Rare Disease Guidelines

PQMD's signature product, our PQMD Guidelines for Medical Product Donations, ensures that international protocols for the delivery of donated medical products are followed and inform the work in supporting critical donated medical products, devices and services to those in need across the globe.

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PQMD Pillar Talk Webinars

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Designed to amplify interesting perspectives & relevant experiences

Introductions & Overview PQMD's Mission for Success Toolkit

Medical Devices How to be helpful and not harmful

Rare Diseases Challenges in Accessing Medicines

Learn more at [pqmd.org](#)

Global Health Policy Forum

2023 GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY FORUM

Global Health in A Changed Era: The View from Europe

130+ Participants, 63 Organizations, 16 Sessions, 45 Speakers

Education Forum (members only)

PQMD EDUCATION FORUM

THINKING IN DONATIONS AND HOW THEY AFFECT ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY AND RESILIENCE

OCTOBER 18-20, 2022

90+ Attendees, 54 Organizations, 10 Sessions, 28 Speakers

Global Health & Development Course

Global Health & Development Essentials

7 WEEK EXECUTIVE SURVEY COURSE FOR MEDICAL PRODUCT DONATION PROFESSIONALS

ENROLLING SOON

GARDaccess

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Learn more at [gardaccess.org](#)

Aligned Metrics Initiative (AMI)

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APD Stakeholders - the right people

Interested in participating?

Measuring for Success M&E Toolkit

Measuring for Success

Toolkit for monitoring & evaluation specific to donated medical products

One Partner

ESSENTIAL RESOURCES

PQMD Community of Practice

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

CONNECT, CONVERSE, CATALYZE



PQMD's Beautiful Web of Partnerships

Partnership is key to PQMD's members collaborative success. Click [here](#) on PQMD Partnerships to learn more about our members' interconnected network of collaborators or as noted during last year's Education Forum our "beautiful web". If you are new to PQMD or would like to add or update your organization's listed partners, please fill out this simple [form](#).

Stay Informed!

Be sure to follow us on [LinkedIn](#) or one of our other social channels to get the latest, most up-to-date information on our Pillar Talks, courses, events, and resources.



Save the dates to join us in New York City this Spring!

PQMD's 6th annual Global Health Policy Forum (GHPF) will take place in New York City April 30th through May 2, 2024! You can learn about prior GHPFs [here](#).

More details coming soon!





**PQMD Holds Coffee Chat:
Creating Greater Equity with GARDaccess to Rare Diseases Medicine**

On August 15th, PQMD held its monthly Coffee Chat: Creating Greater Equity with GARDaccess to Rare Diseases Medicine.

In partnership with PQMD, expert advisors and stakeholders, the Global Alliance for Rare Diseases (GARDaccess) was designed to help create partnership and alliances for persons living with rare diseases and their families. This resource provides essential guidelines for those working with patients who have rare diseases and a framework to facilitate access to medicines that are otherwise not available to them in their local country.

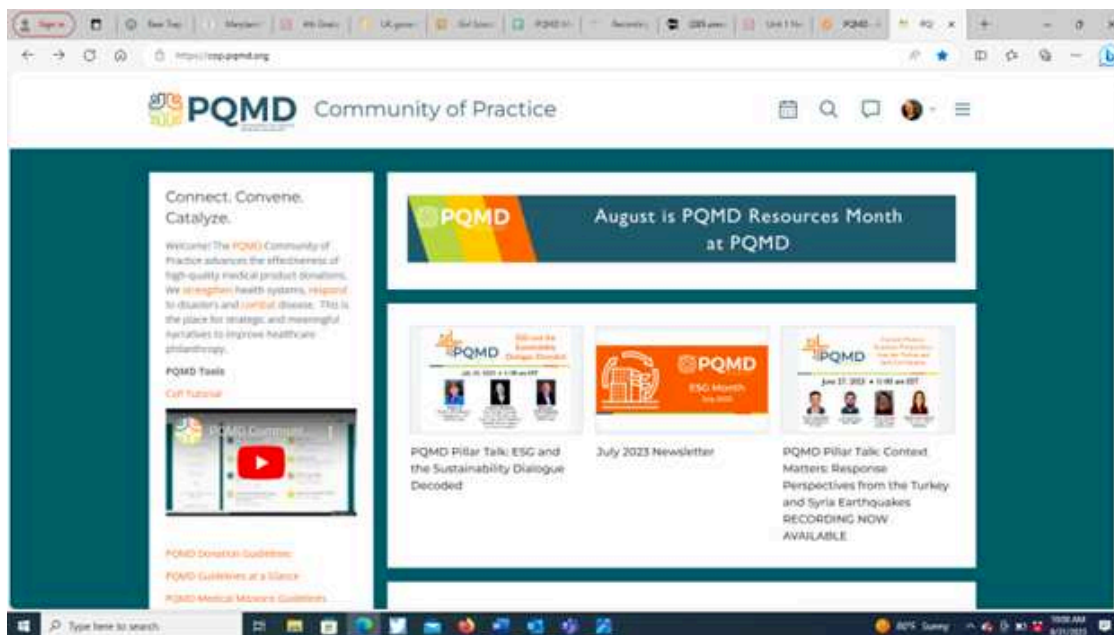
GARDaccess driving leaders Rob Keel, Executive Vice President of the Tanner Pharma Group and Harpreet Ram, President of EVR Consulting led a discussion around why the GARDaccess initiative was launched, how this approach applies to real world challenges, and the focus on creating greater equity for access to rare disease medicines.

Learn more about PQMD Coffee Chats on the [CoP](#) (members only).

PQMD Resources and Tools Available on the CoP

Along with PQMD's [website](#), you can also find many of PQMD's updated resources, programs and tools on our [Community of Practice](#) (CoP). We include recordings of our Pillar Talks, curated resources and resources specifically for our members as well. We also have included all our tools, such as Guidelines at a Glance and Guidelines Modules, Measuring for Success Toolkit, COVID-19 Rapid Response Assessment tool and much more!

If you have any issues logging into the CoP, please contact [Victoria Hammond](#).



PQMD Holds Member All-Call to Discuss Response to Maui Fires

On August 22nd, PQMD's Disaster and Humanitarian Response Committee held a disaster all-call, led by Christina Becherer, Committee Chair. Representatives from two of PQMD's newest members, Healthcare Ready and Good360, provided a situation overview including that (as of the date of the call), there were 115 deaths and still 850 people missing. Additionally, there are unsafe water advisories in Lahaina and Kua and 1850+ customers without power.

They also discussed the critical health infrastructure, the public sector healthcare response, and NGO response. Enormous amounts of infrastructure damage warrant significant recovery and resilience efforts. PQMD members are responding in a variety of ways, including by donating funds, medicines, medical supplies and hygiene kits.

Members, if you missed the call and would like to review the tracking document, you can view them on the CoP [here](#) (*members only*).



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WEB

[Climate Change Drives Anxiety, Depression in the Sundarbans](#)

Global Health Now

[A pandemic is not just a disease- it's a political, social and economic crisis fuelled by inequality](#)

The Guardian

[Kidney doctors push to protect patients by including dialysis machines in emergency stockpile](#)

Stat

[Regional climate changes drive life-threatening zoonotic disease outbreaks](#)

News-Medical.net

[Massive mental health toll in Maui wildfires: 'They've lost everything'](#)

NPR

[Red Cross set to end funding at 25 hospitals in Afghanistan](#)

Reuters

[Power cuts in Niger threaten to spoil millions of vaccines as sanctions take their toll, UN says](#)

AP News

[Shame of cholera crisis in Kenya's refugee camps](#)

Nation

[UK government cuts 85M from climate programs](#)

Devex

[Whatever happened to fly-in medical missions that got kayoed by the pandemic?](#)

NPR

Upcoming Events

[European Health Forum](#)

[Gastein](#); September 26-29, 2023- Hybrid/Bad Hofgastein, Austria

[PQMD Education Forum](#)

October 17-19, 2023;
Santa Barbara, CA

[AidEx 2023](#)

October 25-26, 2023;
Geneva, Switzerland



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