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Note from Elizabeth (EJ) Ashbourne, PQMD Executive Director



Dear Colleagues,

I can't believe the holiday season is upon us. 2021 seems to have flown by and while many of us keep thinking that work is bound to slow down, it has done completely the opposite. As we head into the last month of the year and preparations for our annual PQMD activities summary, we have had the chance to reflect on the work of our members, the work of our partners, and extraordinary community around us. All are dedicated to providing resources and services, without interruption, in order to provide quality healthcare around the world. Through the twists and turns of this year, we continue to learn how to adapt to ever changing strategies for effective communication, coordination and collaboration. Thank you for reading this newsletter where we continue to highlight the many successes of our members and the public health community. And I hope that you are also taking full advantage of our Community of Practice, on which you can participate in high level "pillar talks," ask burning questions about critical issues of your day, learn about what's new at PQMD, and share stories, programs, projects, and initiatives with a global constituency of global health professionals.

Also as a sign of the season, I wanted to remind everyone that today is **Giving Tuesday!** Our members do incredible work around the world donating medical supplies and other essential items to people who desperately need them. Help us celebrate their efforts by considering directly supporting our members' work. We have included the links to all their donation pages in this newsletter.

This month's newsletter is full of exciting information, including the launch of the new Global Alliance for Rare Diseases, news about our members who made the Dow Jones Sustainability Index and more. It's clearly been a busy November.

Wishing you a happy holiday season.





Chronic Challenges & Successes in Chronic Diseases

November 30, 2021 • 4:00 PM ET



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Join us **TODAY** for our next **Pillar Talk Webinar!** **Chronic Challenges & Successes in Chronic Diseases**

November 30, 2021
4:00-5:00 PM ET

Chronic diseases are an unavoidable part of the human experience - regardless of age, geography or wealth. Responsible for over 70% of deaths worldwide, chronic diseases are increasingly becoming both a focus and a pressure for health systems around the globe. And, Covid-19 is exacerbating and exploiting not only the vulnerabilities of the individuals with chronic disease conditions but also the capacity of the health systems that care for them.

Despite these challenges, advances in equitable chronic disease management are evident. Let's talk about what programs are truly making a difference in individual care to system level capacity. What approaches are not only saving lives but also gathering data, driving research, advancing advocacy, optimizing public-private partnerships, and marching towards sustainability?

Join us for PQMD's Pillar Talk on Chronic Challenges and Successes in Chronic Diseases to learn more about how successful global programs are tackling the access, equity, and sustainability challenges that chronically plague chronic disease.

Register Now!

PQMD Launches Initiative on Rare Diseases

Access to medicines is particularly challenging for patients living with rare genetic disorders, including in high-income/developed countries, and even after these life-saving treatments have been approved by regulatory authorities and are commercially available.

To address this important global health issue, PQMD launched its Global Alliance for Rare Diseases (GARD) initiative on November 2nd. Margaret Perry, who is leading this project

DISEASES (GARD) INITIATIVE ON NOVEMBER 3RD. Harpreet KAM, who is leading this project, shared a timeline with project deliverables, including medical donations guidelines specific to rare diseases to be developed by April 2022 and a framework and business plan to implement a sustainable rare disease product donation program model to be proposed by June 2022. You can view a recording of the kick-off call [here](#).

A full timeline of the project will be sent out starting next month for you to follow throughout the year.



PQMD Coffee Chat: What's Next? Emerging Infectious Diseases

On November 16th, PQMD members held a Coffee Chat with experts Peter Morris (Division Director, Preparation, Strategic Planning and Mitigation Division (PSPM), United States Agency for International Development, Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA)) and Dennis Carrol (Chair of the Leadership Board for the Global Virome Project) as they shared their insights into what's next after Covid. Both Peter and Dennis shared perspectives from their years of experience in the global health and development world.

To learn more about future Coffee Chats (members only), visit the [Community of Practice](#).



Disaster Response: Q&A with Supply Chain Experts

September 28, 2021 • 11:00 am EST



NEW Panelist: Tapiwa Mukwashi,
Director, Global Technical Team, VillageReach



Andrew MacCalla,
Founder and Principal, Small Footprint LLC

PQMD Pillar Talk – Disaster Response: Q&A with Supply Chain Experts

Recording Now Available on the CoP!

During PQMD's Pillar Talk Disaster Response: Q&A with Supply Chain Experts, panelists Tapiwa Mukwashi (Director, Global Technical Team at VillageReach) and Andrew MacCalla (Founder and Principal at Small Footprint LLC) tackled the most pertinent supply chain questions including how to optimize efficiency, deal with chokepoints and bottlenecks, mitigate risk, ensure proper sourcing, prepare for future shocks and build resiliency. With decades of best practices and lessons learned to share, the Supply Chain Experts addressed questions around the vulnerabilities of global supply chains that the pandemic has exposed and exacerbated.

View the Pillar Talk on YouTube [here](#).

Opportunities, Opportunities, Opportunities!

Did you know the job openings, course offerings, and RFPs that were posted on PQMD's Community of Practice were collectively viewed almost 600 times this year? That offers quite the *opportunity* to share your message or spread the word among our uniquely curated PQMD Global Health community. To take advantage of this resource, simply log on to the CoP, click on [Opportunities](#) and [Post Here](#). Your perfect candidate or job offering or favorite course could just be one post away!



MEMBER NEWS



HPIC's Telemedicine Project Brings Healthcare to Rural Communities

Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) kill 41 million people each year, equivalent to 71% of all deaths globally. Most of these deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries like Kenya, where noncommunicable diseases are responsible for 33% of all deaths. This growing epidemic is straining health services as NCDs now account for more than half of total hospital admissions in the country.

Additionally, 60% of the Kenyan population lives in rural areas, but 80% of healthcare facilities are located in urban areas, meaning many Kenyans cannot even access healthcare services.

Using information and communication technology, HPIC's telemedicine project connects patients living in Kakamega County, Kenya with healthcare practitioners at three Kenyan health centres, offering them quality clinical care and prescriptions without the need to travel long distances.

Learn more about HPIC's Telemedicine project in Kenya [here](#).

Read the full article on PQMD's website [here](#).



Mölnlycke Health Care Donates 1.9 Million N95 Particulate Respirators to Operation Smile

In collaboration with fellow Partnership for Quality Medical Donations (PQMD) member organizations, global surgical nonprofit Operation Smile is distributing 1.9 million N95 particulate respirators to health workers in low- and middle-income countries worldwide from a donation received from Mölnlycke Health Care.

This donation follows a history of corporate support between Mölnlycke and Operation Smile that began in 2004. Over the years, Mölnlycke has donated nearly 1.4 million pairs of Biogel® surgical gloves to Operation Smile, helping the nonprofit deliver the safest and highest quality surgical care to patients in resource-limited environments. In addition to providing free reconstructive surgery to people born with cleft conditions, Operation Smile donates medical equipment and trains local medical professionals in best wound care and other surgical practices.

"It's important to really understand that these masks are needed now," said Patricia Bacuros, Operation Smile's vice president of gifts in kind, about the urgency created by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. "If we can really work together to deploy the 1.9 million masks within the next six months, we are going to have a broader reach and a bigger impact."

The masks are to be distributed across Africa, Latin America and the Middle East through a partnership between Operation Smile and fellow PQMD-member nonprofit organizations.

Operation Smile will receive slightly over 1 million N95 particulate respirators with the remainder being allocated between PQMD members Project C.U.R.E., MAP International, and CMMB.

"This donation will clearly help several of our member organization protect health care workers and patients in multiple countries," said Elizabeth Ashbourne, PQMD's executive director. "These are organizations that work worldwide and have very sophisticated operations in-country that are led by local individuals and local doctors."

To read the full article, click [here](#).

S&P Global

Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) Recognize PQMD Members

Since its launch in 1999, the DJSI has evaluated leading sustainability-driven companies based on the performance of their economic, environmental and social efforts. The indices help investors interested in integrating sustainability considerations into their portfolios and serve as globally recognized designations of the most sustainable companies.

Companies are assessed using DJSI's proprietary methodology within the healthcare equipment and supplies industry, with leading performance in corporate citizenship and philanthropy, environmental reporting, marketing practices, materiality, policy influence and social reporting.

This year, Baxter, Edwards Lifesciences, Sanofi and Takeda all made the list.

View the rankings [here](#).



Johnson & Johnson Enters into Agreement to Provide its Single-Shot COVID-19 Vaccine for the World's Most Vulnerable People through Novel Humanitarian Buffer

Johnson & Johnson has entered into an agreement with the U.S. Government and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance (Gavi), to enable access to its single-shot COVID-19 vaccine through a novel mechanism - the COVAX Humanitarian Buffer - that will serve to protect the world's most vulnerable people.

The COVAX Humanitarian Buffer is part of the COVAX Facility and is designed to ensure that people in conflict zones or humanitarian settings can access COVID-19 vaccines, even if they live beyond the reach of traditional, government vaccination campaigns. Governments and national and international humanitarian agencies are eligible to apply to receive doses from the COVAX Humanitarian Buffer. If applications are granted and the doses allocated, the governments or humanitarian agencies that filed the application then carry out the vaccination campaigns to ensure people are protected from COVID-19.

To read the full press release, click [here](#).

Correction from October Newsletter

In last month's newsletter, we did not include the correct link to the IHP article: Support for mental health in the Middle East. Please find the correct link below.

[Support for mental health in the Middle East](#)



November 30th is Giving Tuesday! Please consider giving to our members.

Giving Tuesday is an opportunity for people around the world to come together through generosity in all its forms by sharing acts of kindness and giving their voice, time, money, goods, and advocacy to support communities and causes. Please consider giving to our members, many of which are offering to match any donation!

Heart to Heart International: [Greatest Need | Giving Tuesday \(communityfunded.com\)](#)

Medical Teams International: [Medical Teams International](#)

IHP: [Help bring medicine to those hit hardest by COVID \(thebiggive.org.uk\)](#)

Americares: [Donate and Save Lives - Provide Medicine & Hope to People in Crisis \(americares.org\)](#)

Anera: [Your donation will help hope find a way in Palestine, Lebanon and Jordan \(anera.org\)](#)

Brother's Brother Foundation: [Donate Today - Brother's Brother Foundation \(brothersbrother.org\)](#)

CMMB: [Donate I CMMB](#)

ChildFund: [Donate to Children in Need | How to Donate | ChildFund](#)

Direct Relief: [Donate - Direct Relief](#)

HPIC: [Give the Gift of Health and Hope - Health Partners International of Canada \(hpicanada.ca\)](#)

IMA World Health: [Donate to Corus World Health Give Where Needed Most](#)

International Medical Corps: [Give to International Medical Corps](#)

IsraAid: [Donate - IsraAID](#)

MAP International: [MAP International Home - Medicine for the World](#)

MedShare: [Donate to Primary Donation Page \(medshare.org\)](#)

Measurix: [Donate to Primary Donation Page \(measurix.org\)](#)

Mercy Ships: [Donate Today \(mercyships.org\)](#)

Operation Smile: [Operation Smile - Donation Page](#)

Project C.U.R.E.: [Project C.U.R.E. \(4agc.com\)](#)

Project Hope: [Project HOPE](#)

The Max Foundation: [Donate to Max donation page \(themaxfoundation.org\)](#)

UNICEF USA: [Humanitarian Aid for Children in Crisis | UNICEF USA](#)

World Vision: [Donate Now | Ways to Give | World Vision](#)

Learn more about Giving Tuesday [here](#).



[Urgent action needed now to ensure sufficient COVID vaccine syringe supply to meet 2022 vaccination targets](#)

UNICEF

[Pfizer says COVID-19 pill cut hospital, death risk by 90%](#)

AP News

[WHO delivers 6.6 tons of emergency medical kits to Sierra Leone following fire disaster](#)

WHO

[New WHO report maps barriers to insulin availability and suggests actions to promote universal access](#)

WHO

['People will be harmed' as Lebanon cuts medicine subsidies](#)

Reuters

[Noma: the hidden childhood disease known as the 'face of poverty'](#)

The Guardian

[Malnutrition, malaria and mass displacement on the rise as South Sudan suffers the worst floods in decades](#)

Reliefweb

[New State of Disaster Philanthropy Report Shows That Funding Preparedness and Resilience Today Can Help Philanthropy Better Respond to Crisis in the Future](#)

Center for Disaster Philanthropy

[Only 1 in 7 households in Ghana has a toilet. Communities are fighting to ensure sanitation for all](#)

The World

[Global health responsibilities in a Taliban-led Afghanistan](#)

Nature Medicine

[Drive to Eliminate Elephantiasis In East Africa](#)

Upcoming Events

[PQMD Pillar Talk: Chronic Challenges and Successes in Chronic Diseases](#)

November 30, 2021-4 PM ET

[CUGH Webinar: Protecting Health Workers in Conflict Zones](#)

December 2, 2021- 1:00-2:00pm ET

[Advancing Equity: How We Can Ensure Gender-Responsive WASH in All Healthcare Facilities](#)

December 7, 2021-9 AM ET

[CDP Event: Beyond the Headlines: Funding Disasters in Rural Communities](#)

December 9, 2021- 2PM ET

[1st International Conference on Public Health in Africa](#)

December 14-16, 2021

[CUGH 2022](#)

April 1-3, 2022

[Unite for Sight: Global Health & Innovation Conference](#)

April 21-22, 2022

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