



NEWSLETTER

January 2026

Year in Review & Year Ahead Month



A Note from Elizabeth Ashbourne, Our Executive Director

Happy New Year! As we step into 2026, I'm filled with gratitude for the strength, dedication, and shared purpose of the PQMD community - and energized by the work ahead.

As we continue to mark **PQMD's 25th Anniversary**, we do so at a moment of both challenge and possibility for global health. Shifting strategies, constrained resources, and heightened expectations around accountability are reshaping how we work - and reinforcing why PQMD's role as a trusted convener and coordinator matters more than ever.

This month's discussions across the PQMD network reflected the realities many of us are navigating - greater complexity, evolving approaches, and increased scrutiny around how medical donations are planned, managed, and delivered. Through member exchanges, including our **January Coffee Chat**, we explored how technology and systems are strengthening visibility, coordination, and accountability across donation programs, and how these tools support better decision-making in an environment of uncertainty. These conversations underscored the importance of shared standards as anchors in a changing landscape - a theme we'll continue to build on through our upcoming **Pillar Talk** on applying PQMD's Guidelines in real-world settings. I encourage you to [register and join that conversation](#).

Looking ahead, we're excited to preview the **2026 Global Health Policy Forum**, taking place **April 27-30 in New York City**, framed around the theme **"The New World Order of Global Health."** At a time of geopolitical shifts, financial constraints, climate pressures, and changing expectations of leadership, the Forum will explore how the global health system is recalibrating - and what that means for access, coordination, and quality. Programming will include an Executive Forum on *The Global Health Reset*, Followed by Forum days focused on *Delivering Access in a Reordered World and Resourcing the Future of Global Health*. Across all discussions, access remains the constant - examining how partnerships, financing, and systems must evolve to ensure reliable, timely, and appropriate care. Registration will be launching very soon, and we look forward to convening this critical conversation with you.

As we embark on this new year together, thank you for the extraordinary work you do - individually and collectively - to advance access to quality healthcare worldwide. I look forward to all we will continue to learn, build, and achieve together in the year ahead.



Guidelines in Action: Advancing Quality Across Medical Donations & Missions

February 26, 2026 • 11:00 am ET



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2026 Pillar Talk Series Presented by  children international®



#PQMDPillarTalks

Join us **February 26th at 11:00AM** for a timely Pillar Talk featuring member-led, real-world examples of how PQMD's Guidelines for Medical Donations, Medical Missions, and Rare Diseases are applied in practice. Through case studies and peer insights, members will explore how shared Guidelines support effective coordination, informed decision-making, and accountability - enhancing the quality and impact of medical donations and missions within broader health system strengthening and response efforts. [Register today to join the conversation.](#)

Thank you to our 2026 Pillar Talks Presenting Partner, [Children International!](#) *Together we can end poverty for good.*



This month's **members-only Coffee Chat** brought together PQMD colleagues for a focused exchange on how **technology is transforming medical product donation planning, tracking, and delivery**. Through short showcases and open discussion, members explored a range of donation management systems and digital tools supporting real-time visibility, coordination across partners, and more efficient, responsible product placement. The session reinforced the value of peer learning and shared innovation as members navigate evolving approaches to donations management in complex operating environments. *Members can [review speaker presentations and learn more on the members-only CoP](#).*

Members, join us on **February 17** for our next Coffee Chat focused on **in-country perspectives on PQMD's Guidelines** and what's working - or needs attention - in practice.



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April 27-30, 2026 | New York City

The New World Order of Global Health

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WELCOME TO THE PQMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS!



Hannah Dean
International Health Partners



Kate Denton
Vertex Pharmaceuticals



Welcome to Our New Board Members!

We're excited to welcome **Hannah Dean** (International Health Partners) and **Kate Denton** (Vertex Pharmaceuticals) to the PQMD Board of Directors as our new Sector Members At Large. Their cross-sector expertise and leadership will be invaluable as PQMD builds on 25 years of impact and collaboration in global health. [Read their full bios and meet the rest of the PQMD Board.](#)



Call for Member Photos & Testimonials

PQMD is seeking **photos and short testimonials from member organizations** to feature in upcoming communications and promotional materials. We welcome images from medical donation programs, partnerships, and field activities, as well as brief quotes that reflect your organization's experience, impact, or engagement with PQMD.

Members interested in contributing are encouraged to [contact Sam MacDonald](#). We will be happy to coordinate with your organization's communications team to support the submission process and ensure appropriate permissions and attribution are in place.



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As part of our year-long 25th Anniversary celebration, we are spotlighting the incredible work of one of our member organizations each week through our **PQMD Member Monday LinkedIn campaign**. [Check out our LinkedIn page to catch up on posted highlights!](#) Members, if you have a preference for when you'd like to be highlighted or what you'd like us to focus on related to global health observances or themes, we'd love to hear. Please reach out to [Sam MacDonald](#) for more details or to submit your case study. We look forward to celebrating your work!



**AMI Toolkit
Orientation
COMING SOON!**

Thank you for your patience as we refine and reschedule the **Aligned Metrics Initiative Toolkit Orientation**. We're taking a bit of extra time to ensure the session delivers the strongest possible value and look forward to sharing a new date soon. Stay tuned - we're excited about what's ahead!



Not a member yet?

For 25 years, PQMD has brought together leading NGOs, pharmaceutical companies, and medical product manufacturers to strengthen health systems, promote responsible medical donations, and respond to humanitarian and disaster-driven needs through trusted, cross-sector collaboration. In today's complex global health landscape, PQMD offers a proven platform for connection, coordination, and collective impact.

Interested in exploring whether PQMD membership is right for your organization? We invite you to start with a conversation. Contact [Jill A. Pall, Senior Director of Membership](#) to learn more about membership, engagement opportunities, and how your organization can contribute to - and benefit from - the PQMD network.

Introducing PQMD's 2026 Monthly Themes

In 2026, PQMD will spotlight a series of monthly themes designed to highlight the breadth and depth of our members' work across the global health and humanitarian landscape. Each month, we'll focus on a specific thematic area - amplifying member expertise, elevating best practices, and sharing stories of impact through our events, communications, and engagement opportunities. This thematic calendar allows us to celebrate the diverse contributions of our

network while creating deeper, more intentional dialogue around the issues that matter most to advancing access, equity, and quality in global health.



The image displays a grid of 12 monthly themes for 2026. At the top left is the PQMD 25 Years logo. The main title '2026 Themes' is centered at the top. The grid consists of three rows and four columns, each representing a month with a specific icon and theme name.

Month	Theme
January	Year in Review & Year Ahead
February	Guidelines
March	Diseases
April	Global Cooperation
May	Health System Strengthening
June	Refugees & IDPs
July	Measuring for Success
August	Mental Health
September	Disaster Response, Preparedness & Resilience
October	PQMD Resources
November	Best Practices
December	Climate & Health

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Next Month's Theme:
Guidelines