



# NEWSLETTER

March 2026

*Diseases Month*



## **A Note from Elizabeth Ashbourne, Our Executive Director**

Over the past month, I've been struck by the extraordinary work of our members responding to the evolving situation across the Middle East. Across complex and rapidly changing environments, members are acting with urgency and coordination - supporting health systems, delivering essential medicines, and expanding primary care, trauma services, and mental health support for affected communities.

While navigating access constraints, supply chain disruptions, and shifting operational realities, members continue to adapt in real time to ensure care remains timely and aligned with local needs. Early in the month, the network came together for a Disaster All-Call, sharing insights, identifying gaps, and strengthening coordination. That ability to connect quickly and work in close partnership is a defining strength of PQMD - and one that continues to make a meaningful difference.

March marked Diseases Month at PQMD, with a focused set of conversations on noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and what it takes to deliver sustained, system-level care. Through both our Pillar Talk and members-only Coffee Chat, participants explored how NCD prevention, treatment, and care are increasingly being integrated into existing health platforms - highlighting the importance of partnership, adaptability, and long-term thinking in addressing one of the most pressing global health challenges of our time. *If you missed it, you can [watch the Pillar Talk recording here](#).*

These themes - coordination in crisis, evolving models of care, and the need for sustainable, system-aligned solutions, along with many others - will carry forward into next month's Global Health Policy Forum in New York City. As PQMD marks its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Forum will bring together leaders from across sectors to examine the forces reshaping global health and to explore how we collectively respond. From understanding the broader "global health reset" to translating these shifts into country-level action and resourcing the future of care, the conversations ahead will build directly on the work and insights emerging across our network today. *[You can learn more and register to join us here](#).*

In moments of uncertainty, it is the consistency of this network - its commitment to quality, partnership, and action - that continues to stand out. Thank you for the dedication, collaboration, and care you bring to this work every day. I wish all of you, and the communities you serve, continued safety and strength in the weeks ahead.

P.S. As we gear up for the 2026 Global Health Policy Forum, our team will be focused on final preparations throughout April. We'll pause our monthly newsletter and return in May with highlights and reflections from what promises to be an important and energizing event.



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### 2026 Global Health Policy Forum | Join the Conversation in NYC

Global health is undergoing a profound transition, with shifting geopolitics, financial pressures, and evolving partnerships reshaping how access to care is delivered. At PQMD's 2026 Global Health Policy Forum, more than 100 senior leaders from across sectors will come together to explore what this “new world order” means for leadership, collaboration, and sustained access.

Marking PQMD's 25th anniversary, the Forum offers a unique opportunity to reflect, connect, and help shape what comes next. [Learn more and register today.](#)



### Pillar Talk Recording Now Available: *Redefining Care for Noncommunicable Diseases*

Earlier this month, PQMD convened a timely Pillar Talk as part of **Diseases Month**, bringing together leaders from **Novo Nordisk, Eli Lilly and Company, and Pfizer** to explore how care models are evolving to address the growing global burden of noncommunicable diseases. Through practical insights and real-world examples, speakers reflected on how partnerships, delivery approaches, and measures of success are

adapting to better meet patient and health system needs - particularly in low- and middle-income countries. [Watch the recording to catch the full discussion.](#)

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WELCOME TO THE PQMD  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS!



## Welcoming New Leadership to PQMD's Board of Directors

We are pleased to welcome [Morgan Loomis](#) (Good360) as Membership Committee Chair and [Marilyn Mainardi](#) (Merck & Co., Inc.) as Corporate Sector Lead to PQMD's Board of Directors. Both bring deep expertise in partnership, program leadership, and advancing access to care, and we're excited for the energy and perspective they bring to PQMD's leadership.

We invite you to [visit our leadership webpage](#) to learn more about Morgan and Marilyn, and meet the rest of our Board.



The next session of PQMD's **Global Health & Development Essentials** course kicks off May 6! This 8-week program offers a practical introduction to global health and development, covering policy; key actors and frameworks; disaster and pandemic response; the role of medical product donations within complex health systems; and much more. [Learn more & enroll today!](#)

***Complimentary for official PQMD member representatives!***

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Early this month, PQMD members convened for a **Disaster All-Call in response to the rapidly evolving situation across the Middle East**. Organizations shared early insights from across the region, highlighting active responses in primary care, trauma, mental health, and essential relief - while identifying urgent needs for medicines, supplies, and funding. Members also discussed access and logistics challenges, exchanging practical solutions to help align efforts, close gaps, and strengthen coordination in a rapidly evolving environment.

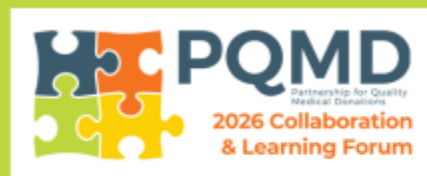
These calls remain a critical benefit of PQMD membership - providing a trusted space for timely information-sharing, peer support, and coordinated action when it matters most.



### **March Coffee Chat Recap: *Integrated NCDs in Practice***

PQMD members came together for a [members-only Coffee Chat](#) exploring how NCD care is being integrated into existing health programs. Through candid, peer-driven discussion, members shared practical insights from the field and reflected on how approaches are evolving across diverse settings.

These sessions continue to offer a trusted, informal space for open exchange - enabling honest dialogue, shared learning, and connection across the PQMD network.



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# SAVE THE DATES!

## OCTOBER 20-22, 2026

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Visit our [PQMD Events Calendar](#) to stay up to date with everything happening across the PQMD network.

*Explore what's ahead and see all of our upcoming opportunities to connect, learn, and engage at a glance, all in one place.*

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PQMD is where strategy meets action. This network brings together leaders who are willing to look beyond competition and individual priorities to strengthen systems, standards, and sustainable access. Membership signals a commitment to shaping the future of responsible global health - together. As Board Chair, I have the privilege of helping to facilitate these conversations and celebrate the shared impact we've had through our 25 years. Now is the time to join and be a part of the conversation that drives solutions in global health.

Kavita Sood-Isaacs  
Associate Director,  
Corporate Responsibility and Global Philanthropy,  
Baxter International, Inc.

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**25 Reasons to Join**

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For 25 years, PQMD has brought together leaders committed to responsible, collaborative global health action. Explore the many ways membership strengthens partnerships, programs, and impact.

[See all 25 reasons.](#)

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### Share Your Story: Member Spotlight Opportunities

PQMD is featuring member stories across our LinkedIn campaigns, including [Member Mondays](#) and [25 Years, 25 Partnerships](#) - and we'd love to highlight your work! And, we are always seeking **photos and short testimonials** from medical donation programs, partnerships, and field activities to feature in PQMD communications. *Interested in being spotlighted? [Let us know!](#)*

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### Upcoming Meetings & Events: Members, where will you be?

A comprehensive [list of upcoming meetings, conferences, and summits](#) is now available on the members-only CoP. We've noted where PQMD expects to be present, and we'd welcome your input - please comment or reach out to share which events you or your organization plan to attend, or to suggest additional opportunities.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** PQMD will not distribute a newsletter in April as our team focuses on preparations for the [2026 Global Health Policy Forum](#). We look forward to reconnecting in May with updates and highlights from the event in NYC!

### Stay Informed!

We encourage you to [follow us on LinkedIn](#) for the latest updates on PQMD programs, products and resources.



Next Month's Theme:  
**Global Cooperation**