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PQMD Announces Inaugural Global Health Ambassador Award, Honoring Dr. Jeffrey L. Sturchio for Leadership in Advancing Global Health Partnerships

New York, NY | May 4, 2026 - The Partnership for Quality Medical Donations (PQMD) is proud to announce Dr. Jeffrey L. Sturchio as the inaugural recipient of the **PQMD Global Health Ambassador Award**, presented last week at the 2026 Global Health Policy Forum in New York City.

The Global Health Ambassador Award is a new annual recognition established as part of PQMD's 25th anniversary year. The award honors individuals who, while not necessarily representing a PQMD member organization, have demonstrated exceptional commitment to advancing responsible partnership, collaboration, and equitable access to healthcare.

“This award reflects one of the great strengths of PQMD - the broader community of leaders who support and advance our mission,” said Elizabeth Ashbourne, Executive Director of PQMD. “Dr. Sturchio embodies the spirit of this recognition. His career has been defined by a deep commitment to partnership, innovation, and equity across the global health landscape.”

Dr. Sturchio has spent decades shaping the global health ecosystem through leadership roles at Merck & Co., Inc., the Global Health Council, Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, TB and Malaria, and Rabin Martin, among many other institutions that influence global health policy and practice. Throughout his career, he has championed the idea that cross-sector collaboration is essential to solving the world's most complex health challenges.

In addition to his broader contributions, Dr. Sturchio has been a longtime advisor and supporter of PQMD, providing guidance, thought leadership, and strategic insight that have strengthened the organization's work and impact over time.

The PQMD Global Health Ambassador Award recognizes individuals who demonstrate:

- Sustained engagement with PQMD and its mission
- Leadership in advancing ethical, responsible global health partnerships
- Influence across the global health ecosystem, including the ability to connect sectors and inspire collaboration

“Jeff has long been one of the field's most trusted connectors,” added Ashbourne. “He brings rigor to the conversation while ensuring it remains grounded in real-world application. His leadership has helped elevate partnership itself - not just as a mechanism, but as a discipline that requires intention, trust, and long-term commitment.”

“I am honored to receive this recognition from PQMD, an organization that exemplifies the power of partnership to advance global health. The challenges we face today are too complex for any one organization or country to solve alone. Creative and sustainable solutions require sustained collaboration across sectors, and I am proud to have been part of a community committed to that shared purpose,” said Dr. Sturchio.

This award is one of two annual recognitions in PQMD's new honors program - alongside the **Legacy of Leadership Award** created to celebrate the individuals and organizations advancing partnership, collaboration, and equitable access to healthcare.

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About PQMD

The Partnership for Quality Medical Donations (PQMD) is a global alliance of corporations and nonprofits working together to strengthen health systems and improve access to quality healthcare for underserved populations worldwide. Through collaboration, standards-setting, and shared learning, PQMD advances responsible medical donations and cross-sector partnerships that deliver sustainable impact.

About the Global Health Policy Forum

The Global Health Policy Forum (GHPF), convened annually by PQMD, brings together senior leaders from across industry, NGOs, philanthropy, government, and multilateral institutions to examine the political, economic, and operational dynamics shaping access to health worldwide. Through candid discussion and cross-sector exchange, the Forum creates space for leaders to engage on emerging challenges, identify opportunities for collaboration, and explore how global health systems are evolving to meet future needs.

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