March 2024 Monthly Global Health Community Newsletter

Here are your March community updates:

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If you have an item to include in a future newsletter, let us know! Please write to us at cghadmin@mgh.harvard.edu.

Upcoming Events

**MGH/BWH Global Health Grand Rounds**

"Putting people at the center: A multi-sectoral partnership to integrate hepatitis care and treatment in Vietnam and the Philippines within primary healthcare"

Tuesday, April 2nd
8 am - 9 am ET

[Join by Zoom](#)

Speakers:

David Duong, MD, MPH
Director of HMS Program in Global Primary Care and Social Change (PGPCSC)
HMS Instructor in Global Health and Social Medicine and
Instructor in Medicine
Strengthening Integrated Care and Treatment of Hepatitis (STITCH) Primary Investigator, Boston

Bethany Holt, MBBS, MPH
Associate Director of HMS PGPCSC
STITCH Project Director, Boston

Panelists for Panel Discussion:

Philippines Team

Manu Gaspar
Project Manager, National Institutes of Health, University of the Philippines
STITCH Project Manager, Manila

Joshua Pacayra
Treasurer for Yellow Warriors Society of the Philippines
STITCH Patient Advisor, Manila

Vietnam Team

Thuy Pham, MD, PhD
Senior Clinical Advisor, Partnership for Health Advancement in Vietnam (HAIVN) and STITCH Project, Hanoi

U.S. Team

Todd Pollack, MD, FIDSA
Medical Director of the Partnership for Health Advancement in Vietnam
HMS Assistant Professor of Medicine
STITCH Clinical Advisor, Boston

Sinit Mehtsun, MS
Head of Health Systems Engagement, Gilead Sciences, Washington D.C.
Harvard Global Health Institute's 2024 Global Health Symposium

Partnerships in Action

April 18th, 2024 | Hybrid
Welcoming all global and Harvard partners, colleagues, and friends

Registration is now OPEN to attend virtually!
Register now: bit.ly/HGI2024

Harvard Global Health Institute's 2024 Global Health Symposium

Thursday, April 18th
9 am - 4:15 pm ET
Hybrid

Click here to register to attend virtually.

View the event program

With a theme centered on partnerships in action, the 2024 symposium is set to bring together a host of esteemed health experts from Harvard University and beyond to showcase innovative, action-oriented strategies aimed at advancing global health equity. The opening keynote address will be delivered by Dr. David Walton, MD, MPH, the U.S. Global Malaria Coordinator for the U.S. President's Malaria Initiative, who will illuminate the progress made and challenges faced in Malaria control and elimination efforts. The symposium's agenda will include discussions on topics such as global health financing and governance, the nexus of climate change and health, the complexities surrounding research, science, and service delivery, and the utilization of AI for global health enhancement. Concluding the event, Dr. María del Rocio Sáenz Madrigal, MD, Executive Director of the Network of the Americas for Health Equity, will present on the development of sustainable immunization programs through meaningful partnership and collaboration.

MGH Global Health Expo

May 20, 2024
10 - 2 pm ET
Their 101 Conference Room
Mass General campus, Boston, MA
The MGH Global Health Expo, hosted annually by the Center for Global Health, provides an opportunity to engage with the MGH community and learn about global and local health equity initiatives across MGH.

For more info, visit the event website.

Funding Opportunities

Nominate a global partner or a MGH employee for the 2024 MGH Global Health Service Award Program (GHSA)

The GHSAs was established to encourage dedication in global health, recognize those who are advancing clinical care for underserved populations and emphasize the benefits of global collaboration in healthcare. All employees of MGH and global partners are eligible for an award under this program. The awardees will be announced and honored at our annual Global Health Expo in May. Find more information here.
We’re accepting applications until April 15th! Contact cghadmin@mgh.harvard.edu with questions.

- **MGH Global Health Community Engagement Awards** – These awards aim to improve health equity and support community-based projects, humanitarian opportunities and requests for specialized assistance from NGOs. MGH staff and faculty are eligible for the awards, and their collaborators from partner institutions are also eligible. So... do you have a community partner with whom you collaborate? This award funding could be quite strategically helpful to them. Learn more at the link above.

- **MGH Center for Global Health Finish Line Grant (GHFLG)** – Do you have a project that's near completion? Do you need just a little more support to finish it? This grant program aims to serve as a catalyst for the completion of projects – as well as a way to support mentorship between MGH Global Health faculty and junior investigators and trainees. GHFLG awards can range from $500-$2,500 per award each year. They can be used to pay for protected time, childcare costs and more. See this document for more information and how to apply. Contact Lindsey Garrison at legarrison@mgh.harvard.edu with questions.

**Employment Opportunities / Fellowships**

**CGH is hiring!**

- **Clinical Research Coordinator I**

  For more information, please see the job description or contact cghadmin@mgh.harvard.edu

**Recent Publications**

Here is a selection of our community’s recent publications, alphabetized by first author. To share your published work in the next newsletter, please email cghadmin@mgh.harvard.edu.


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**Global Health Community Highlights**

Dr. Onyinyechi Eke served as visiting
As visiting faculty at University of Global Health Equity (UGHE) Butaro in March 2024, I taught point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) to the UGHE medical students. This included an Introduction to POCUS for MBBS29, as part of the Introduction to the Practice of Medicine (IPM) curriculum for the MBBS28 and evaluating the POCUS skills of the senior internal medicine and surgery MBBS25 students. Each teaching session included didactic lectures followed by a practical hands-on session with standardized patients. I also served as faculty for the IPM OSCE for the MBBS28 students and organized the first Sonogames competition at UGHE, in conjunction with UGHE students, faculty and PIH clinicians.

"After teaching didactic and hands-on sessions, we went to Butaro Hospital with the MBBS28 students to the bedside. It was satisfying and rewarding to see the immediate impact of the POCUS teaching: students and the clinicians were using POCUS to make medical diagnoses and facilitate clinical-decision making."

Michael Morley, MD, ScM, is our newest Global Health Associate

Board-certified ophthalmologist and vitreoretinal surgeon Dr. Michael Morley, MD, ScM, brings a wealth of global health experience from projects in several countries. His recent work includes managing chronic kidney disease in Thailand and creating a diabetic retinopathy image database in Uganda. Currently based at the MEEI Ophthalmology AI Lab, he focuses on research in data science, bioinformatics, and healthcare improvement, with expertise spanning diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, and more. Prior to this, he led Ophthalmic Consultants of Boston and chaired the "Patient Safety in Cataract Surgery" panel in Massachusetts. With a master's degree in Health Care Management from Harvard, he has mentored numerous students in ophthalmology, global health, and data science.

Traveling soon for work? Remember – you've got resources.

- **MGB TravelSafe program** – travel assistance and response program
- Contact **Ryan Wildes**, Manager of International Risk Management, a resource for insurance and emergency response. His email is rwildes@mgb.org.
- Contact **Kristen Giambusso**, Deputy Director of Global Disaster Response and Humanitarian Action, at kgiambusso@mgb.org.
You might notice that this newsletter looks a little different than our former newsletters. This is because we're conforming to recent changes in Mass General-Brigham brand guidelines, so we must change our colors, fonts and a few design principles. These changes may well include you, too! But don't worry, and don't get confused – see the Brand Resources page on SharePoint or reach out to CGH Communications Coordinator Jacki Huntington at jhuntington1@mgb.org with questions. In the coming weeks, we will also post a resource guide on the CGH intranet.

View the Latest Global Health Community Meeting Minutes

Opportunities to Engage

- The Global Health Delivery Intensive (GHDI) will be offered this summer July 9-26, 2024. The intensive is a non-degree program offered virtually by the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Harvard Medical School. The three-week program is best suited for mid-career health professionals who seek training in healthcare delivery concepts and skills. Learn more and apply here. If you have any questions, please contact ghdi@globalhealthdelivery.org.

- Mass General's Hispanic Psychiatry Clinic is continuing to grow. They are accepting referrals for monolingual Spanish-speaking patients who receive primary specialty care at MGH. PCPs can refer patients for psychopharmacology services via the PTIS Epic referral, or contact the clinic at 617-643-7998.

- We are building a global health library in our office. Feel free to stop by, check out a book and please add books to the list here. Some suggested topics to get you thinking include: diversity, equity and inclusion, global health, leadership and decolonizing global health. We're excited to see your picks!

- Do you have Boston area accommodations (a guest room, perhaps) that you can offer to our international collaborators traveling to Boston for short-term stays? If you're able to host, please complete this REDcap survey.

- If you are interested in teaching at the University of Global Health Equity (UGHE) in Rwanda as a Visiting Faculty, please complete the REDCap survey here.

- Interested in becoming a Global Health Affiliate or Associate? Learn more here.
Get on the Map

We have created a map to reflect our work around the globe. Look at how wide our reach has become! To include your project or organization, please complete this REDCap survey.

Click here to see the current map.

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