

# ENHANCING THE **HEALTH WORKFORCE** THROUGH **INNOVATION**

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 19, 2023**  
**3:30 - 6:30 PM EDT**

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The 78th session of the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 78)** is focused on “Rebuilding trust and reigniting global solidarity: Accelerating action on the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals towards peace, prosperity, progress and sustainability for all.” Upholding the human right to health and building equitable health systems are essential to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) to build sustainable prevention, preparedness, and response to health emergencies.

The UN conducted the first high level meeting on UHC in Sept. 2019 in follow up to UHC’s inclusion in the Sustainable Development Goals in 2015. The UNGA is taking up the issue again this year, with the goal of instilling UHC and preventing the rise of catastrophic health care expenditures and related impoverishment by 2030. Realization of UHC has the potential to improve continuous access to care and reduce poverty stemming from medical expenses, provided that the coverage includes lifelong coverage for the prevention and treatment of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs).

A robust health workforce is essential for UHC. Without a stable health care workforce, countries will not be able to meet the health care needs of their populations as they work towards the progressive realization of UHC. Many countries lack the necessary minimum number of health care workers to meet their needs in primary care with the specialty care workforce being even further constrained. There is a projected shortage of 18 million healthcare workers by 2030. Technology can help support the health workforce by strengthening the ability of the system to deliver care and collect data; and facilitating remote access to care within communities through remote patient monitoring and telemedicine.

The UNGA Side Event, **Enhancing the Health Workforce Through Innovation**, gathers speakers and panelists from leading worldwide nonprofits, NGOs, and Government entities with the following objectives:

- 1 Illustrate that health coverage alone does not guarantee access to care and highlight the need for attention to the health workforce.**
- 2 Share examples of how technology is supporting global health workforce training.**
- 3 Highlight case studies of successful implementation of technology at the front lines of care delivery can support better management of noncommunicable diseases in communities.**
- 4 Provide policy makers with concrete ideas of how workforce issues can be addressed through task shifting, training, and through supportive technology.**



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**SESSIONS**

**Welcome From the Moderator**

Ami Bhatt, MD, FACC, Chief Innovation Officer, American College of Cardiology (ACC)

**Keynote: How Digital Health Infrastructure Can Support a More Robust Health System**

Rebecca Bunnell, PhD, MEd, Acting Principal Deputy U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator for PEPFAR

Tom Frieden, MD, MPH, CEO, Resolve to Save Lives

**Session One: Fireside Chat With a Person Living With NCDs**

Nupur Lalvani, Founder, Blue Circle Diabetes Foundation

**Session Two: Specific Case Studies of Global Organizations, Countries and Localities Standing Up Integrated, Digitally Enabled Programs**

Hadley Wilson, MD, FACC, President, American College of Cardiology

Krishna Udayakumar, MD, Director, Duke Global Health Innovation Center

Lobna Salem, MD, Regional Chief Medical Officer Developed Markets

North America and Europe, Viatrix

Representative From the Caribbean Region

**Session Three: Preparing the Health Workforce of the Future**

H. E. Fahd bin Abdurrahman Al-Jalajel, Minister of Health, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Tom Gaziano, MD, FACC, Chair of the Science Committee, World Heart Federation

Tracey McNeill, RN, Director of Primary Healthcare, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

David Rhew, MD, Global Chief Medical Officer and VP of Healthcare, Microsoft

**Closing Remarks and Summary**

Monika Arora, PhD, MSc, President, NCD Alliance

**5:00 - 6:30 PM**

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