

## Our Vision & Mission

Modern medicine is improving at an enormous pace. creating health and wellbeing for everyone on the planet is possible. We have to take responsibility!

## The World Health Summit 2010

Dear Friends,  
Dear Colleagues,

The worldwide increasing burden of chronic diseases brings up an urgent need for effective prevention strategies. Our Summit provides solutions.

The World Health Summit is the annual international conference of the M8 Alliance of leading Academic Health Centers and Medical Universities. The World Health Summit presents the opportunity to unleash the creativity and power of academic medicine to shape the future of global health in partnership with public, private and non-profit institutions.

Through the World Health Summit, the M8 Alliance invites leaders from academia, the health care industry, governments and civil society to share lessons learned, jointly develop strategies and take action to address key challenges in global health, health care delivery and medical research with the aim of shaping the global political and social agenda.

Under the patronage of German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Nicolas Sarkozy, the World Health Summit brings together a diverse range of public, private and non-profit institutions to accelerate solutions to the most pressing issues in global health care today.

**Translation.** We have to protect and develop our medical innovation capacities and translate our increasing scientific competence into prevention and improved treatment of diseases across global regions. In 2010, the World Health Summit will create opportunities to:

- Develop an international and cross-functional view on

optimizing innovation in medical research and translating this into practical delivery solutions

- Share international best practices on how to respond effectively to the increasing complexity in medical research
- Discuss opportunities and challenges in building locally sensitive research capacity in low income countries

**Transition.** We have to take responsibility and leadership in today's rapidly changing world for the transition of our natural and social environments by developing innovative and sustainable ways of realizing health as a human right from better education to improved health care delivery models. In 2010, the World Health Summit will create opportunities to:

- Share information on how to address the unique challenge of securing health in global 'megacities'
- Discuss innovations in health care delivery in infrastructure-poor environments
- Consider how best to ensure universal access to health care
- Understand how global health care must adapt to meet the challenge of epidemiological transitions and chronic disease

**Transformation.** We have to develop the cultural requirements to actively transform the agendas and collaborative joint efforts of policy, industry and science into better medicine and health care.



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In 2010, the World Health Summit will create opportunities to:

- Drive improvements in global health by creating a forum for international metrics and comparison between culturally adapted approaches and innovative health systems
- Share international learning on quality and productivity in healthcare and best practice to ensure sustainable delivery of cutting edge solutions within available resources
- Discuss best practices in leveraging mobile and information technologies to effectively transform health care
- Explore how we can collectively accelerate progress towards achieving a Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5 as the year 2015 draws nearer
- Debate the best means of achieving financial stability in health care in an uncertain global environment



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