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"Pfizer is committed to working with the global health community to accelerate global access to its vaccines in the world's poorest countries on an affordable and sustainable basis."

— *Mark Swindell*
President, Vaccines

Pfizer is an American multilateral pharmaceutical corporation that develops and produces medicines and vaccines for a wide range of medical disciplines, including immunology, oncology, cardiology, and neurology. Pfizer's most well known products include blockbuster drugs Lipitor, Lyrica, and Diflucan. Pfizer works to discover and develop innovative, safe, and effective ways to prevent or treat many of the world's most challenging diseases.

Pfizer believes in the importance of investing in research- we have invested more than \$7 billion annually in research and development. Furthermore, we opened the largest building dedicated to health research in the world at our campus in Connecticut.¹

A brief history of the 21st century for Pfizer includes mergers, acquisitions, and philanthropic milestones and important partnerships. In 2000, Pfizer and Warner-Lambert merged, creating the world's fastest-growing major pharmaceutical company. In 2002, Pfizer became the first U.S. pharmaceutical company on the New York Stock Exchange to join the U.N. Global Compact, an international network that promotes good corporate citizenship by fostering partnerships between companies, U.N. agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), trade unions and academic institutions.² On April 16, 2003, Pfizer and Pharmacia Corporation combined, bringing together two of the world's fastest-growing and most innovative companies. Finally, on October 15, 2009, Pfizer acquired Wyeth, creating an organization with an immensely broad range of products and therapies that touch the lives of patients and consumers every day and at every stage of life.



¹ http://www.pfizer.com/research/clinical_trials

² <http://www.unglobalcompact.org>

Pfizer cares about creating a healthier world and seeks to find ways to improve global access to health care. In 2007, Pfizer committed \$47 million over four years (2008-2011) To support the growth of promising cancer- and tobacco-control organizations united by the shared mission of accelerating the pace of progress in the fight against cancer (Targeted Areas: Asia, Africa, Latin America, Middle East, Europe, the U.S., and Canada.)³ As another expression of our commitment to global access to health care, Pfizer has pledged to supply up to 480 million doses of its 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine through 2023 at a deeply discounted price to infants and young children in GAVI-eligible countries who are at the highest risk of dying from pneumococcal disease under the auspices of the Advance Market Commitment (AMC).⁴

We realize the urgency of patients' demand for Pfizer products and therapies all over the world. Pfizer was the first pharmaceutical company to bring a vaccine into the childhood immunization program of a developing country within one year of its launch in the US and EU. This was a historic precedent; there is an average 10-15 year lag for introducing newer vaccines into developing countries following their introduction in industrialized nations.⁵ At Pfizer, we are most proud of this type of accomplishment.

As the highest-revenue pharmaceutical company in the world, Pfizer's resources can help improve access to health care for many people all over the world. We look forward to working with the delegates of the World Health Organization to accelerate and expand access to vital medicines.

³ http://www.pfizer.com/responsibility/global_health/global_health_partnerships

⁴ http://www.pfizer.com/health/vaccines/developing_world

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