

Letter to Premier Members:

At this point you are likely aware of the major earthquake that hit Haiti and the ensuing devastation it has caused. We are all deeply saddened by the sudden and great hardship the Haitians are facing. We, like you, are searching for the best way to help with this catastrophic event. It has been brought to our attention that many of you are already mobilizing various efforts to get donations to the country. Following is a general update on how the Premier alliance is proactively responding to the needs of the Haitian community, as well as information on how our member hospitals can assist.

The first and most immediate need is financial donations, though there is and will continue to be an ongoing need for goods and supplies. Premier and the Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA) Ventures are working with [Partners in Health](#) and the [Afya Foundation](#), disaster relief organizations collecting money and medical supplies for use in Haitian relief efforts. Specifically, the Afya Foundation is operating as a clearinghouse and conduit for medical supplies provided to voluntary physician groups, including Boston-based Partners in Health, which has set up field hospitals in Haiti to provide direct trauma care. A list of medical supplies that Afya Foundation has requested is attached. To donate medical supplies or for more information, contact:

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In addition, Premier participated in a call with the HHS disaster team in which they described the upcoming need to help Haiti rebuild their healthcare infrastructure. They expect this to be a long-term effort and need to catalog what is available for relief efforts in the coming year. To make donations, the U.S. State Department requests that hospital organizations register at helphaiti@state.gov. HHS is also asking that you register your organization along with items you have to donate at <http://www.cidi.org/incident/haiti-10a/>. If you have any questions regarding the process of donations please e-mail cip@hhs.gov. The U.S. Agency for International Development is coordinating the provision of resources with the U.S. State Department based on Haitian needs. For more on the USAID's response to the disaster, please visit www.usaid.gov.

We are also aware that relief efforts are being coordinated by the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Department of Defense Southern Command. They advise that individuals not travel to Haiti unless they are part of an approved relief effort. We will keep you informed of the need for medical volunteers and their deployment process as we learn more.

Finally, Premier and GNYHA Ventures are working directly with our supplier organizations involved in the Haitian relief effort, and we will continue to coordinate with them on an ongoing basis.

Premier employees are donating all funds gathered from our weekly social responsibility day to Partners in Health, and Premier will match a percentage of the donations based on our corporate guidelines.

International support to Haiti is critical. We will continue to update you around specific actions that can be taken by the healthcare community. In the meantime, please let us know if you have any questions or comments as to how you can support those in need.

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