

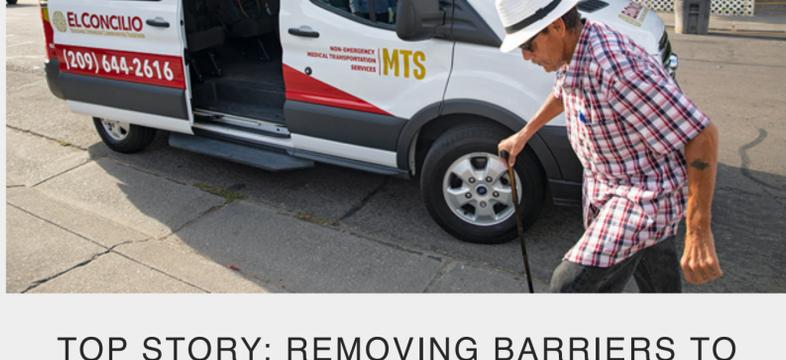


IT ALL ADDS UP

At Abbott, we're always working to push innovation forward, and recent weeks have seen several key milestones and honors that show the important impact of our R&D work. Our scientists discovered a new strain of HIV, and three of our life-changing technologies were recognized for improving the lives of people around the world. And we also were honored to be named a top workplace for scientists as well.

This innovation extends to our partnerships with others too — including the launch of our latest [Future Well](#) initiative to find new answers to chronic disease. Read on for these and other updates below.

And as always, we welcome your [feedback](#) — and please feel free to share this e-news update with others; they can sign up to receive it directly [here](#).



TOP STORY: REMOVING BARRIERS TO HEALTH

All too often, people's health is determined by where they live. Social and economic factors like access to healthy food, transportation, quality education and jobs in our communities — also called the social determinants of health — can prevent people from living healthy.

Through a new Abbott Fund program called Future Well Communities, we're working together with the community of Stockton, Calif. to find practical ways to remove everyday barriers to health by expanding access to healthcare, education and economic opportunity. [more](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



Abbott Announces Leadership Succession

After a remarkable 21-year tenure, Miles White will be stepping down as Abbott CEO on March 31, 2020, with Robert Ford, a 23-year Abbott veteran and current President & COO, taking over as CEO. Mr. White will remain Executive Chairman of the Board. Learn more about this news — and Abbott's rigorous leadership succession practices. [more](#) and [more](#)



Staying One Step Ahead of HIV

Last month, we shared breaking news vital for the global health community: Abbott scientists identified a new strain of HIV-1 Group M, for the first time in nearly two decades. Find out how — and why this discovery matters: [more](#) and [more](#)



3 Honors for 3 Life-Changing Technologies

Our revolutionary FreeStyle Libre continuous glucose monitor was honored with a [Prix Galien](#) award as Best Medical Technology, our Piccolo Occluder [was honored](#) for helping preemie babies with congenital heart defects, and our SoToxa roadside drug testing device was named a "Best of What's New" innovation by [Popular Science](#): [more](#), [more](#) and [more](#)



Advancing Science — And Science Careers

To chart the course for future innovation, the goal of our Scientific Governing Board is to make the best use of Abbott's deep bench of scientific and engineering expertise. Just one reason [Science magazine](#) named us a top workplace for scientists. [more](#) and [more](#)



Changing the Face of STEM

Women make up only 24% of the STEM workforce in the U.S. That's why we look for creative ways to inspire the next generation — including partnering with Fox 9 and the Science Museum of Minnesota for the Girls, Science and Technology event. [more](#) and [more](#)



Helping Kids Be Kids

For World Children's Day, we shared profiles of a few young people — Sadie, Irie and Alex — who inspire us every day. Find out how our innovation is helping to address children's unique needs around the world. [more](#)



SPOTLIGHT: DIRECT RELIEF

Active in more than 80 countries, Direct Relief is a humanitarian aid organization with a mission to improve the health and lives of people affected by poverty or emergencies — without regard to politics, religion or ability to pay.

Since 1948, Direct Relief has helped people who confront enormous hardship to recover from disasters and improve the quality of their lives. The tradition of direct and targeted assistance, provided in a manner that respects and involves the people served, has been a hallmark of the organization since its founding.

For more than a decade, Direct Relief and Abbott have collaborated to [help communities](#) prepare for, and recover from, disasters around the world. Most recently, Abbott supported Direct Relief's [response to wildfires](#) in California.

For more information, visit [DirectRelief.org](#).

WHAT WE'RE VIEWING

- The International Business Times [posted an op-ed](#) by Abbott's chief economist Gene Huang, talking about the staggering health and economic impact of chronic diseases, also called noncommunicable diseases or NCDs — and how countries can benefit from preventing them.
- A new [JAMA Pediatrics study](#) showed that 1 in 5 adolescents in the U.S. are prediabetic. Widely covered by [CNN](#) and other outlets, this study and other research points to a growing need to engage young people on NCDs — which is exactly what our [Future Well Kids](#) program aims to do.
- The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation posted a [summary](#) of our recent UNGA Week event focused on advancing the health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) — including insights on how the private sector and all stakeholders can leverage their strengths to address global health challenges.



WHAT'S NEXT

- A new video will highlight some of the ways we've advanced our purpose of helping people to live better and healthier in 2019.
- We'll share stories of impact from our [Future Well Communities](#) program — how our work with partners in Stockton, California is helping people to remove barriers to better health.



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