

PHI at a glance

Partners HealthCare International (PHI) is the academically based global arm of Partners HealthCare, one of the leading non-profit healthcare systems in the U.S. Its founding members, Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital, are the two oldest and largest teaching affiliates of Harvard Medical School. The Partners HealthCare integrated network also includes community and specialty hospitals, a managed care organization, a physician network, community health centers, home health and long-term health services.

"PHI extends the knowledge and expertise of Partners HealthCare in the global market by building relationships that pave the way for measurable health care improvements around the world."

Gilbert H. Mudge, Jr., M.D.
President and CEO
Partners HealthCare International

Our evolution

While the Partners HealthCare International (PHI) name has evolved over the past 20 years, our commitment to transforming health care worldwide has never wavered.

1994 Partners HealthCare is formed



1997 Harvard Medical International (HMI) becomes a self-supporting subsidiary of Harvard University and Harvard Medical School



1997 Partners establishes international programs to provide overseas patients, governments and medical professionals access to the Partners HealthCare network

2005 Partners International Medical Services (PIMS), LLC is formed to manage overseas contracting

2008 HMI joins Partners HealthCare and combines its expertise and resources with PIMS under a new name: Partners Harvard Medical International (PHMI)



2012 PHMI ends its affiliation with Harvard Medical School and becomes Partners HealthCare International



Working together. Around the world.

1997

Harvard Medical International created to extend the HMS tradition of excellence in clinical medicine, medical education, and biomedical research internationally. Our purpose remains the same today: to give every citizen of the world access to quality health care in their own community.



2006

Launched Bermuda's first Cancer Genetics Risk Assessment Program in collaboration with the Health Insurance Association of Bermuda, the Bermuda Hospitals Board, and the Bermuda Cancer and Health Centre. This initiative – under the direction of Kevin Hughes, M.D. from Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and Leslie Shane, MS, CAGS, RN, Director of International Patient Services at PHI – identifies, educates and supports women and men who are at high risk for breast cancer.



1998

Established a three-year agreement to create educational and management training programs for UNIMED, a medical insurance cooperative in São Paulo, Brazil, with 25,000 member physicians. Programs included direction and strategic planning in preventive health, clinical guidelines, information technology, infrastructure improvement, and local quality assurance guidelines.



1999

Formed five-year partnership with Technical University at Dresden (TUD) in Germany to raise the stature of the university, while improving medical education and research and promoting life-long learning. Advances in curriculum reform gained national recognition and led to governmental support for innovations in medical education. Medical school faculty used their experience to help other medical schools in Europe and beyond.



2005

Formed partnership with Lebanese American University (LAU), a private and independent education and research institution in Lebanon. The objective was to evaluate the feasibility of opening a medical school and acquiring an existing hospital. Co-developed an American-style medical education system with a problem-based curriculum. This transformed the method of teaching medicine in Lebanon and the Middle East. LAU graduated its first class of 23 students from its state-of-the-art medical school in 2013.



2003

Initiated a five-year collaboration with Acibadem HealthCare Group, a private hospital network in Turkey, to improve service quality at its hospitals and position the organization as a regional leader in health care delivery. Improvements across the network included the launch of a new oncology and neuroscience center, Joint Commission International (JCI) accreditation, and improvements in nursing retention rates of nearly 33 percent.



2010

Entered into a three-year agreement with Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC), Qatar's leading health care system to design and implement a quality and performance improvement model to increase patient safety, reduce medical error, improve efficiency and ensure consistent quality care. PHI has continued to help HMC in the areas of Rehabilitation and Post Acute Care Services (March 2009), Organizational Development (February 2010), Quality and Patient Safety (September 2010) and Women's Health (October 2012).

2014

Collaborated with a team of specialists from the Sumner Redstone Burns Center at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) to help facilitate the relocation of a new Burns Unit at Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) in Doha, Qatar. This is one of several initiatives stemming from the long-term HMC-PHI collaboration.



* Across the board, when you break it down to the Burns Center level, the teams from PHI and Hamad Medical Corporation have been very receptive and have allowed for improvements in structure and processes.*

Shawn Fagan, M.D.
Medical Director of the Burns Center
Massachusetts General Hospital

2007

Began a partnership with Alfaisal University to co-develop a new medical school geared specifically to Saudi Arabia. Collaborated on the development of a new curriculum that became an attractive option for students across the region, introducing case-based where practice-based learning had been the norm. Over the years, Alfaisal medical students have consistently scored at the top of a progress test administered to 11 other medical schools in Saudi Arabia. Those scores have nearly doubled every year. Alfaisal and PHI continue to work together today to improve medical education within the Kingdom.



* The methodology used to meet our needs to co-develop the college structure, curriculum, admission criteria, faculty selection, and the college facilities from design to implementation was excellent.*

Khaled M. Al-Kattan
Dean of the
College of Medicine

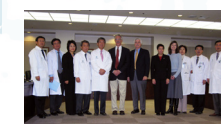
2004

Implemented initiatives to help transform Wockhardt Hospitals, Ltd. – a leading health care network in India – into a high-performing delivery system offering international-standard clinical services in a competitive environment. For more than a decade, the collaboration with Wockhardt has led to improvements in four areas – nursing, quality, clinical service enhancement, and facility design. Current initiatives include helping with the launch of a new hospital and enhancing service lines in emergency and cardiovascular medicine.



1996

Partnered with Asan Medical Center (AMC), one of Korea's largest tertiary care hospitals, to develop professional and clinical programs, as well as international scientific symposia. For nearly 15 years, PHI and AMC worked together to establish AMC as a regional leader in health care delivery and research.



2002

Began a partnership with Tokyo Medical & Dental University (TMDU) to develop and implement curricular reforms and introduce new teaching approaches. PHI has since established an annual faculty development program, created hybrid courses blending problem-based learning and didactic lectures, and expanded international opportunities for clinicians through clinical clerkships.



2011

Kicked off the five-year development of a new greenfield tertiary care hospital in Shanghai in collaboration with a private Chinese investment firm. Multiple experts from various departments across the Partners HealthCare network have contributed, including specialists from women's health, OR services, and sustainable facility planning. The hospital plan calls for creating three initial Centers of Excellence – women's health services, cardiovascular medicine and oncology.

2013

Signed a five-year agreement with referral partner, Saint Lucia Consulting (SLC), a health and wellness company based in Beijing. SLC works with PHI to provide patients in China with a gateway to the clinical excellence offered at Partners five Harvard Medical School-affiliated hospitals. Its clients have access to Partners Cancer Evaluation Service. Eligible patients receive care at Dana-Farber/Brigham and Women's Cancer Center, and Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center.