

This issue of our **It All Adds Up** quarterly newsletter leads with our 2021 Global Sustainability Report, which highlights progress toward Abbott's 2030 Sustainability Plan goals and our broader environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance.

We're also sharing takeaways from a recent panel session at the Aspen Ideas: Health conference, as well as updates on diabetes innovation, reduced packaging for our COVID tests, and our efforts to do everything we can to get infants and families the high-quality formula they need. You can find more on these and other topics below.

As always, we welcome your [feedback](#). And please feel free to forward this newsletter to others; they can sign up to receive it directly [here](#).



## TOP STORY: GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

For Abbott, sustainability is about operating responsibly to deliver long-term impact around the world. By managing the company this way, Abbott is shaping the future of healthcare and helping the greatest number of people live better and healthier, with a clear vision for 2030: to improve the lives of one in every three people on the planet -- 3 billion people a year.

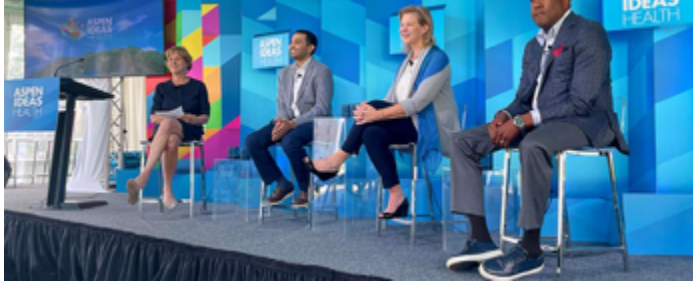
With the release of Abbott's 2021 Global Sustainability Report, we're sharing progress made on our ambitious 2030 goals in key areas that strengthen the company's foundation for the future, including our priority: innovating for access and affordability.

Key 2021 highlights include launching new technologies in diabetes care, pain and movement disorders, and brain health. And we also created core design principles that will embed access and affordability into how we develop and bring tomorrow's innovations to the people who need them.

Check out key 2021 highlights in our recent story [here](#), and for a deep dive across all aspects of ESG, read the full Global Sustainability Report [here](#).

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

### INNOVATING FOR ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY



#### Bridging the Access Gap for Health Tech

Health-tech convergence and opportunities to democratize, decentralize and digitize access to care were key topics of discussion at a panel at the recent Aspen Ideas: Health conference. Abbott's Executive Vice President of Medical Devices Lisa Earnhardt joined other leaders to discuss opportunities to innovate for better access in healthcare. [More](#)



#### Training to Prevent the Next Pandemic

Abbott's Pandemic Defense Coalition is a global network dedicated to detecting and responding to future pandemic threats. We recently welcomed scientists from 14 partner organizations to share best practices in viral surveillance and discovery, and joined forces with [TEPHINET](#) to train epidemiologists in 165+ countries. [More](#)



#### FreeStyle Libre 3: Welcome to the U.S.

Abbott takes diabetes management to the next level in the U.S. with its next-gen continuous glucose monitor. Designed for access and affordability, Abbott's FreeStyle Libre 3 system features the world's smallest, thinnest and most accurate 14-day glucose sensor<sup>1,2</sup> -- and uses significantly less plastic than previous versions.<sup>3</sup> [More](#)

1 Among patient-applied sensors. 2 FreeStyle Libre 3's User Manual. 3 Data on file, Abbott Diabetes Care.



#### Survey: Telehealth Improves Access to Parkinson's Care

A Parkinson's Foundation survey found that 98% of NeuroSphere Virtual Clinic users reported telehealth improved their access to health services. Read how this new solution is expanding access to care by connecting people remotely with their doctors to enhance the care of their pain or movement disorder symptoms. [More](#)

### ADVANCING EQUITY



#### Collaboration Continues to Expand Access in Rwanda

In Rwanda, 80% of people live in rural areas, with limited access to care. Our program with the Rwanda Ministry of Health and Society for Family Health Rwanda is delivering quality care and testing -- and inspiring new sites and broader planned expansion to expand the impact. [More](#)



#### Joining Together to Advance Education and Health Equity

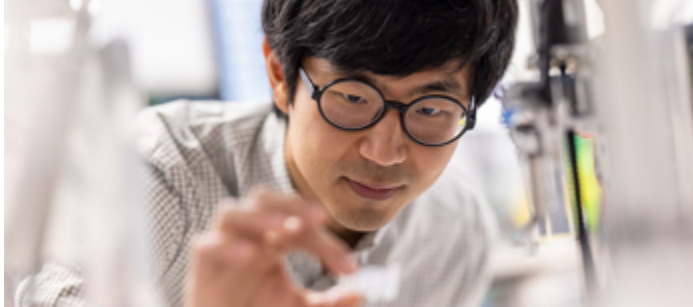
The Abbott Fund and Easterseals announced a new partnership to pilot the Project on Education and Community Health Equity. The three-year project aims to address the educational and healthcare needs of children in underinvested communities to help them be kindergarten ready and reach their full potential. [More](#)



#### Making Research Look More Like Its Patients

Through a partnership with Women as One, Abbott is expanding its diversity in clinical trials initiative by launching a new training program for under-represented physicians to pursue clinical trial research as well as recruit clinical trial participants within historically under-represented groups. [More](#)

### WORKFORCE OF TOMORROW



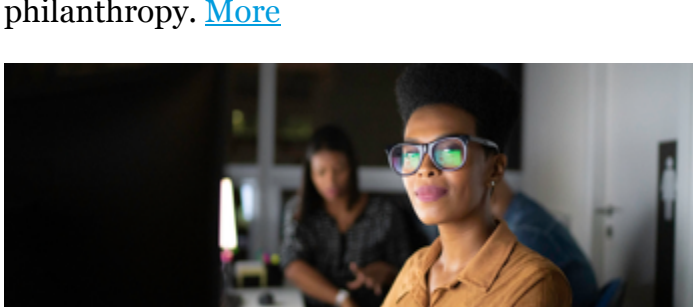
#### Abbott Earns No. 3 Spot on DiversityInc Top Companies List

DiversityInc has recognized Abbott's efforts among its Top 50 Companies for Diversity list for the last 19 years -- including ranking us No. 3 this year. The organization determines the list by reviewing companies' leadership accountability, diversity metrics, talent programs, workplace practices, supplier diversity and philanthropy. [More](#)



#### A Proven Solution for Employees with Student Debt

Abbott launched Freedom 2 Save in 2018, a first-of-its-kind program that allows employees who contribute 2% of their pay toward student loans to receive 5% of their pay in their 401(k). Four years later, 1,900 Abbott employees are benefiting from the program, with \$3.5 million in employer contributions. [More](#)



#### HBCUs, Industry Partners Diversify and Strengthen Cybersecurity Workforce

Abbott is collaborating with Advancing Minorities' Interest in Engineering (AMIE), other corporations and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to build curriculum capacity within HBCU engineering schools, while creating a strong pipeline of students well-prepared for cybersecurity careers. [More](#)

### PROTECTING A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT



#### Smaller COVID Test Box = Bigger Sustainability Impact

We minimized the packaging for Abbott's BinaxNOW and Panbio COVID-19 at-home rapid tests. All of the changes are to help improve portability, functionality and ease of use, while reducing materials needed and overall waste -- part of our broader focus on reducing the environmental impact of our product packaging. [More](#)

### SUSTAINABLE AND RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS



#### Abbott Infant Formula Update

We make our products as if they are for our own families. This commitment was at the forefront of our decision earlier this year to recall infant formula made at one of our plants. In May, Abbott Chairman and CEO Robert Ford [shared perspective](#) on our work to get infants and families the high-quality formula they need, and we're sharing ongoing updates as well. [More](#)



#### Abbott Named a Leading Corporate Citizen for 14 Consecutive Years

For the 14th consecutive year, Abbott earned a spot on 3BL Media's 100 Best Corporate Citizens list, which recognizes strong ESG transparency and performance. Abbott is one of only 19 companies to have made the ranking every year since 2009. [More](#)

### SPOTLIGHT



Women as One is a nonprofit organization fighting gender inequalities in medicine by providing talented women physicians unique professional opportunities. By doing this, they aim to build a more inclusive, diverse and just workforce in medicine. Their work focuses on three key areas to deliver needed change: amplifying the voices and voices of women, fortifying the pipeline by supporting women physicians around the world, and unifying healthcare organizations in matching women with opportunities to succeed.

Earlier this year, Abbott launched a new partnership with Women as One as part of our broader efforts to shape the future of diverse clinical trials. Our efforts together focus on launching a new program to train more women, Black and Hispanic men and non-binary physicians; helping them pursue clinical trial research; and helping physicians recruit clinical trial participants within historically under-represented groups.

For more information on Women as One, visit their [website](#), and for more on our partnership, see our [Newsroom story](#).



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