

# MIT Center for Biomedical Innovation's BioACCESS Global Health Seminar

February 19, 2019

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## Meeting the Challenge of Ensuring Global Access to Insulin

Diabetes, characterized by elevated blood glucose levels, has detrimental social and economic burden.

Globally, the number of adults (>18 years) with diabetes has increased from 108 million in 1980 to 422 million in 2014. The projected rise in demand for insulin, especially in low-and-middle income countries, will exacerbate already existing barriers hindering access.

All type I and 20-30% of type II diabetics require insulin to survive.

*Engage in a panel discussion with experts to better understand progress towards and barriers to sustained, high quality diabetes care for all.*

*Confirmed speakers:*

**Professor Veronika Wirtz**

*Associate Professor, Department of Global Health, Boston University  
School of Public Health & Director, World Health Organization  
Collaborating Center in Pharmaceutical Policy*

**Professor Amy Moran-Thomas**

*Alfred Henry and Jean Morrison Hayes Career Development Assistant  
Professor of Anthropology, MIT*

**Dr. AJ Kumar**

*Chief Scientific Officer, JanaCare*

**Alex Abramson**

*PhD Candidate, Langer Lab, MIT*

**3:00 – 4:30 PM**

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