

## KCGH, NSGH & OIGT

The [Netherlands' Society for Global Health \(NSGH\)](#), the [Training Institute Global Health and Tropical Medicine \(OIGT\)](#), and the [Knowledge Centre Global Health \(KCGH\)](#) have once again teamed up to create this joint newsletter, a unified source of updates, activities, and opportunities in global health.

From symposia and webinars to e-learnings and working group updates, we aim to spark collaboration and knowledge exchange on today's most urgent health challenges. Explore the agenda, get involved, and stay connected to the conversations shaping global health.

Want to share your own update? Email us at [communicatie@kcgh.nl](mailto:communicatie@kcgh.nl).

## News

THESIS & PHD PRIZE 2025

### From recognition to impact: Where are the 2024 KCGH Thesis & PhD Prize winners now?

Submissions for the 2025 edition of KCGH's Thesis & PhD Prize are open until 1 October. Last year's winners used their awards to fund fieldwork, publish papers, expand collaborations and apply their research in practice. Their journeys show the prize is more than recognition: it's a launchpad for visibility, collaboration and motivation.

Have a thesis or dissertation that deserves the spotlight? Send it to [info@kcgh.nl](mailto:info@kcgh.nl) and inspire the next generation of global health research.



[Read the stories & apply](#)

## Courses & Events

DUTCH GLOBAL HEALTH FILM FESTIVAL 2025

### *Silent Pandemic:* Antimicrobial resistance and access to effective medicine

9 September | Utrecht

Join us for a screening of *Silent Pandemic*, a powerful documentary on the global fight against antimicrobial resistance (AMR) – one of today's most urgent health threats. The film will be followed by a panel discussion on access to effective medicine, and drinks in the Louis Hartlooper café.

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COURSE

### Become a language access ambassador in healthcare

Starting 11 September | Nijkerk & online

The NSGH-working group Global Mental Health, KTV Kennisnet, and KCGH are launching the *Tolkambassadeurs in de zorg* course – a hybrid training for healthcare professionals committed to improving care for patients who do not speak Dutch fluently. Learn to work effectively with professional interpreters and design action plans to strengthen language accessibility in your organisation.

WEBINAR

### Plastic

23 September | Online

Plastic is everywhere, but at what cost? The NSGH-working group Zorg voor Klimaat delves into the latest science on the impact of microplastics on human health, reveals the hidden footprint of medical devices, and offers actionable steps for reducing plastic waste in healthcare. Evidence meets everyday practice in this interactive session.

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MEETING

### Maternal health and rights in Afghanistan

24 September | Online

The NSGH-working group ISM&RH hosts a digital meeting with Farzana Maruf and others on safeguarding maternal health and rights in Afghanistan. Gain insights into the challenges, resilience, and advocacy needed in one of the most difficult healthcare settings.

SYMPOSIUM

### Healthcare rights and needs of older people in humanitarian crises

1 October | Utrecht

Older people are often invisible in humanitarian responses. This first-of-its-kind symposium, led by UMC Utrecht, MSF, HelpAge International, WHO and KCGH, shines a light on operational gaps, ethical dilemmas, and proven approaches for more inclusive crisis care – from Türkiye/Syria to Ukraine.

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SYMPOSIUM

### Zorg voor nieuwkomers

7 October | Utrecht

The second edition of this symposium brings together healthcare professionals, policymakers, and community experts to focus on the mental well-being of newcomers. Through keynotes, interactive panels, and partner-led parallel sessions, we explore how to address the psychosocial and systemic factors affecting health in migration and asylum contexts.

COMMEMORATION

### 150 years Albert Schweitzer

15 October | Deventer

Mark the 150th birthday of Albert Schweitzer with an inspiring afternoon of lectures and music, organised by the Dutch Society for Medical History. The programme features renowned speakers discussing Schweitzer's humanitarian and medical legacy, complemented by organ performances of Bach's works.

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SYMPOSIUM & PHD DEFENSE

### Global pediatric oncology

17 October | Amsterdam

Childhood cancer survival is improving, but access to care is far from equal. In this symposium, KCGH and the Princess Máxima Center welcome speakers from Kenya, Indonesia, and the Netherlands to share innovations, challenges, and partnerships – followed by Larissa Klootwijk's PhD defence on cancer care in Kenya.

## Save the date

### Mark your calendars for the coming events (more details follow soon):

**ECTMIH2025**

Sep 29 – Oct 2 | Hamburg

**NSGH/KCGH/OIGT Fall Symposium**

Nov 20 | Utrecht

Curious about more international events? Check the [NSGH agenda](#).

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