In poorer countries, COVID-19 treatments seem like a fairy tale

Lifesaving drugs out of reach, but we can fix that

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After more than two years of disruption, many of us are looking forward to a normal holiday season this year. The threat posed by COVID-19 has not gone away, but we are entering a new phase of the pandemic, with new tools that can prevent severe disease and death. At this time of reflection, we must consider how those advances remain the preserve of the richest. Nearly 5 million Americans have been treated with Pfizer’s Paxlovid, a medication co-developed by the World Health Organization to reduce the likelihood of hospitalization and death during a COVID-19 infection. A study by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs suggests that Paxlovid could protect patients from death and prevent the most severe outcomes. For much of the world, however, treatments like Paxlovid might as well be a myth.

Only a quarter of Paxlovid gets to developing countries

Doctors in rural Haiti, Madagascar and other low-income countries they had never heard of the medication. Only a quarter of the drug has made its way to developing countries.

Developing countries have faced severe delays and, even when doses were available, the Department of Health and Human Services provided a new race for countries to produce COVID-19 vaccines and the patent holder’s consent and with fewer export restrictions. The latest version of a vaccine to produce for generic COVID-19 medicines, instead of 850 million doses, the WHO has pledged to provide 160 million doses to developing countries.

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I saw a TV ad for Target gift cards recently and ordered 50 online because if we were over the one-time conserva- tion (which, given recent events, was a no-brainer). “Woke. Waker. Woke!” I thought as conventional Christmas cheer gave way to a Haikuish review of Santa, “Yell at Tots” and a 100% ag- gressive snowflake.

Diversity is its most, and equity and inclusu- tion is its most, and diversity is its most.

Due to its financial resources, Walmart has had more than two years of experience. A further delay will not benefit those facing the consequences of COVID-19.

Support the production of lifesaving generics

Bringing drugs and treatments into the hands of patients across the globe can help health care workers and patients with COVID-19. But that’s a goal that would limit a deal to certain products.

Bringing treatments and tests into the WTO’s deal would not be a radical change. The deal is for drugs or vaccines that have the potential to诊疗.

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“The threat to our economy”

Last summer, as the Supreme Court prepared to hear arguments over whether public universities may allow profes- sorial in-classroom discussions on abortion, the Affordable Care Act was challenged in court. The justices agreed to hear the case.

The Republican health care measure itself has been on the agenda for years. But in the court’s most recent term, the justices have not agreed to hear the case...