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## Program Book



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Dear Participants,

It is our great honour to welcome you to the **11<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific AIDS & Co-Infections Conference (APACC 2026)**, hosted in Tokyo, Japan.

APACC brings together researchers, clinicians, community leaders, and policymakers from across the Asia-Pacific and beyond, united by a shared commitment to an effective, equitable, and sustainable response to HIV and its co-infections.

We gather at a critical and sobering moment. On one hand, the retreat of global health financing over the past year has disrupted services, unsettled programmes, and placed hard-won progress at risk. On the other, we have witnessed remarkable resilience, technology advancement, and strength from our communities. These responses have emerged from disruption and have been offered in service to all those affected by HIV across the region. Taken together, these realities make it all the more important that we continue to stand together in solidarity as we navigate broader regional and global uncertainties.

It is against this backdrop that the organising committee has chosen “Doing More with Less” as the theme of our opening plenary. We are not starting from nothing: even in adversity, we have been inspired by the ways our colleagues have found solutions and sustained services for those in need. It is therefore timely to ask: how do we sustain and extend the response when resources are fewer and needs are greater?

We believe the answers may already lie within our region. Over the coming days, we will hear about community-led and community-based systems that are both resilient and efficient; models of country ownership and domestic financing; the integration and differentiation of services; and innovations in prevention and treatment that let us reach more people for less.

In doing more with less, our communities also remind us that equitable responses are not what we protect when resources allow, but it is what we refuse to compromise when they do not.

Through the scientific exchange and dialogue of the coming days, we hope APACC 2026 will surface practical solutions, strengthen partnerships, and renew our collective resolve.

We deeply appreciate your participation.

With warmest regards,

Dr Junko Tanuma, Dr Rayner Kay Jin Tan, Dr Toshibumi Taniguchi and Mr. Kota Iwahashi

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## Capacity Building Sessions

On Friday 19 June and Saturday 20 June from 8:00-9:00 AM JST, and 12:00-1:00 PM the capacity building sessions will take place. Read more below and sign up at the registration desk!

## Certificate of Attendance

Certificates of attendance will be sent by e-mail after completion of the post-conference survey.

## CME Accreditation

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## Guided Poster Tours

On Friday 19 June from 12:00-1:00 PM JST there will be three parallel guided poster tours:

**Tour #1 - *Optimizing Prevention Pathways: From Testing to PrEP and Doxy-PEP***

**Tour #2 - *HIV Kaizen in the Neon City: Care, Risk, and Innovation***

**Tour #3 - *Beyond Viral Suppression: Innovations in HIV Care Across the Asia-Pacific***

## Networking

Make use of the options to network during the breaks, lunches, and welcome reception. These will all take place in the foyer outside and inside Kiku Hall.

### Welcome Reception:

Thursday 18 June from 6:00-7:00 PM JST

### Lunch:

Friday 19 June from 1:00-2:00 PM JST

### Breaks:

Thursday 18 June from 3:00-3:45 PM JST

Friday 19 June from 10:15-10:45 AM JST

Friday 19 June from 3:15-3:45 PM JST

Saturday 20 June from 10:15-10:45 AM JST

## Posters

Posters are displayed in poster area. Please seek out the posters during refreshment breaks, reception, and the guided poster tours. All poster presenters are asked to be at their posters during the coffee breaks so that you can discuss their important work with the presenters.

## Presenters

Presenters are requested to submit their presentation to the AV team onsite as early as possible, latest in the break prior to their session or in the morning before the first session. Our technician will be available for you at the technician table in the meeting room.

## Presentations and Webcasts

The recordings of the full sessions are available on the virtual platform for six months after the conference for all registered delegates.



## DAY 1: Thursday, 18 June 2026

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### Opening of APACC 2026

Room: Kiku Hall

#### 1:30 PM **Welcome to the Meeting**

**Junko Tanuma**

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### Plenary session 1

#### **Doing More with Less: Rethinking Global HIV Response in a Time of Transition**

Chair: Rayner Tan

Room: Kiku Hall

#### 1:45 PM **Future of HIV Response in Asia and the Pacific**

**Eamonn Murphy**

UNAIDS Asia-Pacific, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Regional Director

#### 2:05 PM **Protecting Impact and Sustainability in the Next Global Fund Grant Cycle**

**Lady Roslyn Morauta**

Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Papua New Guinea

#### 2:25 PM **Doing more with less - strengthening integrated services**

**Nittaya Phanuphak, MD, PhD**

Institute of HIV Research and Innovation in Bangkok, Thailand

#### 2:45 PM **Q&A and Discussion**

### 3:00 PM **Coffee Break, Exhibition and Poster Viewing**

### Plenary session 2

#### **ARV Delivery Modalities: Innovations and Real World Evidence**

Chairs: Nittaya Phanuphak and Nagalingeswaran Kumarasamy

Room: Kiku Hall

#### 3:45 PM **What's New in HIV Treatment - Novel Formulations & Delivery Modalities**

**Iskandar Azwa, MD**

University of Malaya, Malaysia

#### 4:05 PM **Community perspective of the use of LA-ARVs**

**Rena Janamnuaysook, MBA**

Institute of HIV Research and Innovation (IHRI), Thailand

#### 4:25 PM **Outcomes of Rapid Antiretroviral Therapy Initiation in the Time of 'Treat All' in Asia**

**Johanna Beulah T. Sornillo, Philippines**

#1

#### 4:35 PM **Delayed ART initiation, education, employment, and viral hepatitis predict disengagement and re-engagement in HIV care: A cohort study from four community-led clinics in the Philippines**

**Rodenie Arnaiz Olete, Taiwan**

#2

#### 4:45 PM **Discussion**

### 5:00 PM **Industry Supported Symposium - ViiV**

### 6:00 PM **Welcome Reception, Poster Viewing and Exhibition**



## DAY 2: Friday, 19 June 2026

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Capacity Building Session 1		Capacity Building Session 2	
8:00 AM	<b>Strategic Networking for Regional Collaboration: Building Research Alliances Across the Asia-Pacific</b> <b>Rong Xiang Ng, MBBS (UM), MRCP (UK), MIntMed(UM), DTM&amp;H (RCP London)</b> Infectious Diseases Unit, Department of Medicine, Centre of Excellence for Research in Infectious Diseases and AIDS (CERIA), Faculty of Medicine, Universiti Malaya, Malaysia	8:00 AM	<b>Ask the Crowd: Practical Crowdsourcing Methods for HIV Implementation Science</b> <b>Shanti Narayanasamy, BA/BSc (Hons), MBBS, MS-Global Health</b> Austin Health, Melbourne, Australia
<b>Parallel session 1</b> <b>Hepatitis - Care Strategies</b> Chairs: Owen Tsang and Chen Seong Wong		<b>Parallel session 2</b> <b>HIV Cure Strategy</b> Chairs: Jun Yong Choi and Gail Matthews	
9:00 AM	<b>Microelimination of HCV infection among people with HIV in Taiwan: The Last Mile</b> <b>Chien-Ching Hung, MD, PhD</b> National Taiwan University Hospital & National Taiwan University Hospital Yunlin Branch / National Taiwan University College of Medicine, Taiwan	9:00 AM	<b>The Use of bNAbs to Control HIV Infection in People Living with HIV</b> <b>Shuzo Matsushita, MD, PhD</b> Joint Research Center for Human Retrovirus Infection, Kumamoto University, Japan
9:15 AM	<b>Identifying gaps in the hepatitis C care cascade and barriers to treatment initiation among hospital visitors in Guangdong Province, China from 2023 to 2025</b> <b>Jiehu Yuan, China</b> #3	9:15 AM	<b>Perspectives on Analytical Treatment Interruptions and Prospects of an HIV cure amongst People Living with HIV and Healthcare Providers in Singapore</b> <b>Chiaw Yee Choy, MBBS, MRCP (UK)</b> Tan Tock Seng Hospital, National Centre for Infectious Diseases, Singapore
9:25 AM	<b>Integrating HIV, Syphilis, and Hepatitis C Services into Primary Care: Lessons from a Community-Based Extension for Sustainable Scale-Up in Thailand, 2024-2025</b> <b>Aumanad Aunan, Thailand</b> #4	9:30 AM	<b>Safety and Viral Dynamics During Temporary Treatment Interruption (TTI) in the RV630 HIV Cure Trial</b> <b>Donn Colby, United States</b> #7
9:35 AM	<b>Implementing Community-Based Hepatitis C Screening for Key Populations in the Absence of Established Service Infrastructure: A Demonstration Study from Singapore</b> <b>Eshele Libau, Singapore</b> #5	9:40 AM	<b>Tenascin-C is associated with incomplete immune reconstitution and impaired CD4+ T-cell recovery in ART-treated people living with HIV</b> <b>Zhuoya Deng, China</b> #8
9:45 AM	<b>High Baseline HBV DNA Before ART Is Associated with Immunological Non-Response in HIV/HBV-Coinfected Patients: A Long-Term Cohort Study</b> <b>Jianfei Huang, China</b> #6	9:50 AM	<b>SLC26A3-Mediated Mitochondrial Chloride Overload Drives T Cell Apoptosis in Immunological Non-Responders</b> <b>Hanying Wang, China</b> #9
9:55 AM	<b>Discussion</b>	10:00 AM	<b>Discussion</b>
10:15 AM <b>Coffee Break, Poster Viewing and Exhibition</b>			



## Parallel session 3

### Integration of Mental Health

Chairs: Jeremy Ross and Pui Li Wong

10:45 AM **Integration of Mental Health in HIV Care**  
**Wing Sze Iris Chan, BSSc(Hons), MSSc.(Clin Psy), PhD.(Clin Psy)**  
 Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Hong Kong

11:00 AM **Utilising digital tools to optimise Mental Health Care Workflows for People Living With HIV in Resource-Limited Settings** #10  
**Meng Li Chong, Malaysia**

11:10 AM **Acceptability and Downstream Management Gaps in Integrated Screening for Cognition, Mental Health, Cancer, and Geriatric Syndromes among People with HIV in Thailand, October 2024 – September 2025** #11  
**Akarin Hiransuthikul, Thailand**

11:20 AM **Additive Interaction of Early-life SOGI Stigma and Adult HIV Infection Across the Suicide Continuum in a Chinese LGBTQ+ Cohort** #12  
**Jialing Mu, China**

11:30 AM **Criminalization, Mental Health Issues, and Chem-Sex as Major Drivers of HIV and Co-infections among the Sexual and Gender Minorities in Pakistan** #13  
**Muhammad Asad Hashmi, Pakistan**

11:40 AM **Discussion**

## Guided Poster Tours (Parallel)

12:00 PM **Tour #1: Beyond Viral Suppression: Innovations in HIV Care Across the Asia-Pacific**  
**Shanti Narayanasamy, BA/BSc (Hons), MBBS, MS-Global Health**  
**Tour #2: HIV Kaizen in the Neon City: Care, Risk, and Innovation**  
**Rong Xiang Ng, MBBS (UM), MRCP (UK), MIntMed(UM), DTM&H (RCP London)**  
**Tour #3: Optimizing Prevention Pathways: From Testing to PrEP and Doxy-PEP**  
**Ye Zhang, MSc, PhD**

1:00 PM **Lunch Break**

## Parallel session 4

### HIV - TB in Advanced HIV Disease

Chairs: Anchalee Avihingsanon and Thana Khawcharoenporn

10:45 AM **State of the Art in Treatment of HIV-Associated Tuberculosis**  
**Maria Tarcela Gler, MD, MSc**  
 TB HIV Innovations and Clinical Research Foundation, the Philippines

11:00 AM **Deciphering the Anti-Tubercular Potential of Black Haldi Phenolics: Network Pharmacology-Driven Insights into Multi-Target Activity Against Drug-Resistant Mycobacterium tuberculosis** #14  
**Manvendra Singh, India**

11:10 AM **Incidence, Risk Factors, and Outcomes of Anti-Tuberculosis Drug-Induced Hepatotoxicity in People with and without HIV in Thailand and the Philippines** #15  
**Ryan Christopher G. Atuel, Thailand**

11:20 AM **The burden of tuberculosis in people with HIV in South Korea: a nationwide population-based cohort study** #16  
**Jung Ho Kim, South Korea**

11:30 AM **Comprehensive Digital Adherence and Remote Engagement to Optimise Treatment Adherence for Tuberculosis Patients (Care-Tb Study) in Malaysia: A Pilot Randomized Study** #17  
**Koh Hui Moon, Malaysia**

11:40 AM **Discussion**

## Capacity Building Session 4: Community / Patient Society

12:00 PM **The Role of Community Amidst Donor Transitions**  
**Kota Iwashashi**  
 AKTA, Japan



## Parallel session 5

### Sexual Health Beyond Reproductive Years

Chairs: Reena Rajasuriar and Keerti Gedela

- 2:00 PM **Sexual Wellness in Older Women in China**  
**Huachun Zou, PhD**  
Fudan University, Shanghai, China
- 2:15 PM **Nationwide Surveillance Study on HIV Mother-to-Child Transmission in Japan: Current Results** #18  
**Reiko Minato, Japan**
- 2:25 PM **Meeting Transgender-Specific Needs: Service Acceptance and Identified Needs among Thai Transgender Women Engaging in Substance Use or Chemsex (IT-REX Study)** #19  
**Akarin Hiransuthikul, Thailand**
- 2:35 PM **Reaching Underserved Women: Integrating HIV Self-Testing, Contraceptive Care, Mental Health Screening, and Violence Screening Through Telehealth, Home-Based Abortion Service in Bangkok** #20  
**Jakkrapatara Boonruang, Thailand**
- 2:45 PM **Beyond the Aggregates: Unmasking Age-Specific Nuances in HIV and STI Risks Among Female Sex Workers in China.** #21  
**Gifty Marley, China**
- 2:55 PM **Discussion**

## Parallel session 6

### Community Led Monitoring

Chairs: Kota Iwahashi and Rodenie Olete

- 2:00 PM **Community Led Monitoring practice in Mongolia**  
**Nyampurev Galsanjamts, BA**  
Youth for Health Center NGO, Mongolia
- 2:20 PM **From Evidence to Action: How Community-Led Monitoring Is Enhancing HIV Services and Accountability in Cambodia** #22  
**Polin Ung, Cambodia**
- 2:30 PM **Community-led delivery of differentiated HIV, chemsex, and harm reduction services across eight grantees in Southeast Asia: routine monitoring data from a multi-country program** #23  
**Mai Phuong Pham, Viet Nam**
- 2:40 PM **Over 13,000 PLHIV voices: Community-led monitoring driving HIV care and treatment improvement in Thailand, 2024 – 2025** #24  
**Farida Langkafah, United States**
- 2:50 PM **Discussion**

3:15 PM **Coffee Break, Poster Viewing and Exhibition**

## Plenary Session 3

### Digital Health Tools, AI, and Technology in Research/Care

Chairs: Junko Tanuma and Weiming Tang

- 3:45 PM **How AI Can Change HIV/STI Services**  
**Jason Ong, PhD, MMed(Hons), MBBS, FChSHM, FRACGP**  
Monash University (Australia) / London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (United Kingdom)
- 4:05 PM **How Digital Tools for Screening Mental Health Can Serve Task Shifting**  
**Jeremy Ross, MBBS, MSc**  
TREAT Asia, Thailand
- 4:25 PM **Reaching High-Risk Populations with Online HIV Self-Testing: Results from the Stand by You Platform, Thailand, 2022 – 2025** #25  
**Usanee Kritsanavarin, Thailand**
- 4:35 PM **Breaking barriers: A digital health-based, MSM-friendly “HIV-Doxy-PEP” one-stop integrated model in Guangzhou, China** #26  
**Yuzhou Gu, China**
- 4:45 PM **Discussion**

5:00 PM **Industry Supported Symposium II - MSD**



## DAY 3: Saturday, 20 June 2026

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### Capacity Building Session 3

8:00 AM **Measuring That Matter: A Practical Workshop on Health Preference Research**  
**Ye Zhang, MSc, PhD**  
 Nanjing Medical University, China

### Plenary session 4

#### HIV / STI prevention

Chairs: Toshibumi Taniguchi and Benjamin Bavinton

9:00 AM **The Role of DoxyPEP in the Prevention of STI in the Asian Pacific Region**  
**Eric Chow, PhD, MScMed(ClinEpid), MBIostat, MPH, MAppSc**  
 Melbourne Sexual Health Centre, Bayside Health & School of Translational Medicine, Monash University, Australia

9:20 AM **Sexual Health and HIV Prevention Strategies in Older Adults**  
**Grace Lui, MBChB (Hons), FHKCP, FHKAM**  
 The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

9:40 AM **Positivity of Test-of-Cure for Gonorrhea Infections an HIV Pre-exposure Prophylaxis Program in Hanoi, Vietnam** #27  
**Quang Loc Pham, Viet Nam**

9:50 AM **Implementing Partner Notification for Gonorrhea and Chlamydia Control in Urban China: A CFIR-Guided Implementation Assessment from Shenzhen, China** #28  
**Lan Li, China**

10:00 AM **Discussion**

10:15 AM **Coffee Break, Poster Viewing and Exhibition**

### Plenary Session 5

#### Metabolic Health - Insights for Holistic Care in People Living with HIV

Chairs: Grace Lui and Win Min Han

10:45 AM **Obesity in People Living with HIV: Intersections and the Amplification of Chronic Disease Burdens**  
**Quan Hziung Lim, MBBS, MMed**  
 Universiti Malaya Medical Centre, Malaysia

11:05 AM **Lifestyle Modifications on Obesity and Associated Metabolic Problems**  
**Pik Shan Alice Kong, MBChB, MD (CUHK), MRCP (UK), FRCP (Glasg, Edin, Lond), FHKCP, FHKAM**  
 The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

11:25 AM **Impact of Baseline Impaired Fasting Glucose on Diabetes Progression in People Living with HIV** #29  
**Hay Mar Su Lwin, Thailand**

11:35 AM **Identifying potential gaps in MASLD diagnosis and management among people living with HIV in a tertiary hospital in Singapore** #30  
**Mabel Yip, Singapore**

11:45 AM **Discussion**

### Plenary Session 6 - Expert Panel:

#### DTG-based ART - Evolving Questions Around 2- vs. 3-Drug Regimens

Moderator: Annette Sohn

12:00 PM **Considerations when Choosing a 2DR regimen**  
**Junko Tanuma, MD, PhD**  
 International University of Health and Welfare, Chiba, Japan

**Considerations when Choosing a 3DR regimen**  
**Nicholas Paton, MD, FRCP**  
 National University of Singapore, Singapore

**Discussion**  
**Toshibumi Taniguchi and Anchalee Avihingsanon**

1:00 PM **Closure of the Conference**



## 1: Strategic Networking for Regional Collaboration: Building Research Alliances Across the Asia-Pacific

Friday 19 June, 8:00-9:00 AM JST - Kiku Hall

Many conference attendees hope to meet potential mentors, collaborators, or future co-authors, but networking can feel intimidating and opportunities are often missed.

This interactive workshop is designed for early and mid-career researchers and clinicians who want to build meaningful professional connections and develop practical networking skills. Through short discussions, structured networking activities, and shared experiences from experienced researchers, participants will explore approaches to networking with purpose and confidence.

Inspired by the Japanese concept of En ( ), which refers to meaningful connections between people, this session focuses on turning conference encounters into lasting professional relationships. Because every collaboration starts with a conversation.



**Rong Xiang Ng, MBBS (UM), MRCP (UK), MIntMed(UM), DTM&H (RCP London)**  
Infectious Diseases Unit, Department of Medicine, Centre of Excellence for Research in Infectious Diseases and AIDS (CRiA), Faculty of Medicine, Universiti Malaya, Malaysia

## 2: Ask the Crowd: Practical Crowdsourcing Methods for HIV Implementation Science

Friday 19 June, 8:00-9:00 AM JST - Fuji Hall

What if your next implementation breakthrough came from the community itself? This hands-on session covers the key methods, then challenges you to use them in a live innovation contest.

Crowdsourcing harnesses collective intelligence to define problems, generate solutions and build community buy-in before implementation begins. We introduce the core methods, open calls, innovation contests, designathons, hackathons and citizen science, with real examples from HIV implementation science. Then you put them into practice! Teams will pitch their most innovative and feasible solution to a live implementation challenge, with the room as judges.

Leave with practical crowdsourcing skills you can apply in your practice and research.



**Shanti Narayanasamy, BA/ BSc (Hons.), MBBS, MS-Global Health**  
Austin Health, Melbourne, Australia

## 3: Measuring That Matters: A Practical Workshop on Health Preference Research

Saturday 20 June, 8:00-9:00 AM JST - Kiku Hall

Why do some health programs succeed while others fail to attract the people they are designed to serve? The answer often lies in understanding what people value.

Health preference research provides powerful tools to uncover how patients, communities, and healthcare providers make decisions when faced with competing options and trade-offs.

The interactive workshop will cover:

- Why preferences matter in healthcare research and practice
- Common preference elicitation methods, including discrete choice experiments (DCEs), best-worst scaling (BWS), and ranking approaches
- How to select the right preference method for different research questions

Whether you are completely new to preference research or looking to strengthen your methodological toolkit, this session will provide practical knowledge and expert guidance.



**Ye Zhang, MSc, PhD**  
Nanjing Medical University, China



## DAY 1: Thursday 18 June 2026

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### Are We Truly Listening to People Living with HIV?

Room: Kiku Hall

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- 5:00 PM **Welcome and Introduction**  
**Samia Dakhia**  
ViiV Healthcare, France
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- 5:08 PM **Amplifying Patient Voices to Improve HIV Care**  
**Andrew Ustianowski**  
North Manchester General Hospital, United Kingdom
- 5:23 PM **Do Current Treatment Options Meet Patient Needs?**  
**Miguel Araújo Abreu**  
Hospital de Santo António, Portugal
- 5:38 PM **Panel Discussion**
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- 5:53 AM **Closing Remarks**  
**Samia Dakhia**  
ViiV Healthcare, France
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- 6:00 PM **End of Symposium**
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## DAY 2: Friday 19 June 2026

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**Clinical Innovation in 2-drug Regimens:  
Future Perspectives and Optimizing HIV Care in Asia Pacific**  
*Room: Kiku Hall*

5:00 PM **Welcome and Introductions**

**Dr. Ei Kinai**

Tokyo Medical University, Japan

5:03 PM **Advancing 2-drug Regimens: Clinical Evidence and Emerging Data**

**Dr. Toshibumi Taniguchi**

Chiba University Hospital, Japan

5:23 PM **Q&A**

**Dr. Ei Kinai, Dr. Toshibumi Taniguchi**

5:30 PM **Navigating 2-drug regimen switch in Asia-Pacific: A practical framework for managing diverse HBV serostatus**

**Dr. Chien-Ching Hung**

National Taiwan University Hospital and National Taiwan University College of Medicine, Taiwan

5:23 PM **Q&A**

**Dr. Ei Kinai, Dr. Chien-Ching Hung**

5:58 PM **Closing**

**Dr. Ei Kinai**

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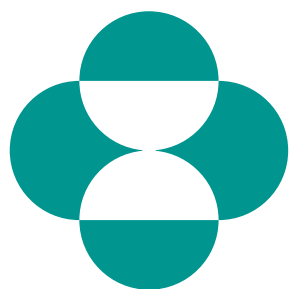
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