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New Janssen Initiative Aims to Advance Equitable Care and Address Hidden Threat of Amputation Related to Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD)

Through Save Legs. Change Lives.TM, Janssen seeks to elevate PAD research, collaboration, education and screening for communities placed at increased risk of cardiovascular disease

TITUSVILLE, NJ, Mar. 31, 2022 – The Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson today announced the launch of *Save Legs. Change Lives.TM Spot Peripheral Artery Disease Now*, a multi-year initiative aimed at creating urgency and action to address the hidden threat of peripheral artery disease (PAD)-related amputation, with an initial focus on reaching Black Americans, who are more than twice as likely to be impacted by PAD.¹ Janssen has joined forces with leading professional associations, healthcare systems and community organizations to advance equitable care for individuals and communities placed at an increased risk for cardiovascular disease in the U.S.

Cardiovascular disease – also known as heart disease – is the leading cause of death in the U.S.² and can affect more than just the heart.³ One serious condition that often goes underdiagnosed and undertreated is PAD,⁴ a common circulatory condition that causes blood vessels to narrow and reduces blood flow to the limbs, most often the legs.⁵ PAD affects an estimated 20 million Americans,⁶ yet only approximately 8.5 million are

diagnosed.⁷ If left untreated, PAD can lead to serious events including heart attack, stroke, acute limb ischemia or amputation.⁵

Black Americans experience disproportionate rates of cardiovascular disease,⁸ and – as a result of higher rates of asymptomatic PAD,⁹ less access to quality vascular care¹⁰ and greater risk for delays in care⁹ – are up to four times more likely than white Americans to have a PAD-related amputation.¹⁰

"While health inequities have long existed, the last several years have brought them to the forefront of our collective consciousness. Black Americans are placed at disproportionate risk of losing legs and lives – a reality we all must actively address," said Dr. Pernessa Seele*, Founder and CEO, The Balm in Gilead, Inc., a faith-based organization engaged in eliminating health disparities. "We believe the most effective way to eliminate the alarming health disparities within Black populations is for intentional, sustained and compassionate action by the healthcare industry, public health and faith communities."

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PAD is a leading cause of amputations in the U.S.,¹⁰ with rates continuing to rise.¹¹ Amputations are a devastating complication of PAD and are associated with high mortality, despite being largely preventable.¹⁰ Tragically, PAD-related amputations are directly correlated to an increased risk of death, with 70 percent of patients with PAD who have a leg amputation dying within three years.¹²

Save Legs. Change Lives.™ has three main areas of focus: driving research, collaborating with powerful partners, and empowering individuals and communities.

Research to Break Down Barriers to PAD Screening and Increase Equitable Care

As part of the initiative, Janssen is supporting, sponsoring and promoting evidence-based research to uncover systemic bias, identify unmet patient needs, and propel healthcare systems toward change. Groundbreaking research already underway includes a data-based tool to help health systems identify groups of patients with inadequate PAD care and better

direct efforts toward those placed at the highest risk of amputation, as well as a series of white papers that highlight best practices of leading limb salvage programs for people at risk for amputation.

"Everyone deserves a chance to avoid an amputation. I grew up in my dad's podiatry practice and I saw from a young age what a difference you can make in simply helping people move through the world," said David G. Armstrong**, Ph.D., D.P.M., Professor of Surgery and Director of the Southwestern Academic Limb Salvage Alliance (SALSA), at Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, and President of the American Limb Preservation Society (ALPS). "Limb preservation is of paramount importance, and I believe in the big idea that, together, we can eliminate limb amputations over the next generation. The inspiring thing is that – even with so many factors collectively stacked against our patients, ongoing research, awareness and sharing of best practices is vital to ensure we help people with PAD protect their legs and avoid the devastating consequences of amputation."

Collaboration to Unlock Better PAD Care and Improve Outcomes

Through *Save Legs. Change Lives.*™ Janssen is collaborating with powerful partners, including universities, health systems, non-governmental organizations and change makers to break down barriers to equitable and inclusive care, ranging from access and health literacy to health-care provider diversity.

The Company, through Janssen Scientific Affairs, LLC, is proud to help support the American Heart Association's PAD National Action Plan, which aims to reduce PAD-related amputation. Additionally, Janssen is sponsoring the American College of Cardiology Foundation's "Change the FIELD" initiative, a major multi-year effort to foster inclusivity, equity, leadership and diversity in the field of cardiology.

Education, Awareness and Screening to Reach Individuals Placed at Greatest Risk

Janssen is supporting grassroots PAD awareness, education and screening that empowers individuals and communities to change the trajectory of their health. These efforts include:

- **empower™ PAD**: a traveling mobile health unit that brings PAD screening and education directly to communities across the nation;

- **The Change Network:** a steering committee that convenes healthcare thought leaders and patient advocates to fuel discussion and inform the development of patient-friendly PAD resources, including ArteryAware.com;
- **Healthy Directions:** a community education program designed to raise awareness about PAD with Black Americans and in communities of color; and
- **The Balm in Gilead, Inc.:** supporting the creation of culturally tailored PAD educational resources and awareness programming for faith-based institutions in the Chicago area serving individuals of African descent with the goals of preventing diseases, improving health outcomes and eliminating health disparities.

"Save Legs. Change Lives.™ sets in motion a vision for more relevant, trusted and inclusive care for everyone affected by PAD," said Avery Ince, M.D., Ph.D., Vice President, Medical Affairs, Janssen Cardiovascular & Metabolism, Janssen Scientific Affairs, LLC. "As part of Johnson & Johnson, Janssen believes that major corporations have the power – and therefore the responsibility – to tackle pressing health challenges and make good health a reality for all people. We hope our efforts will inspire action to reduce amputations among people living with PAD."

Save Legs. Change Lives.™ is part of Johnson & Johnson's broader initiative, Our Race to Health Equity (ORTHE) – a \$100 million commitment to help eradicate racial and social injustice as a public health threat. In the inaugural year of *Save Legs. Change Lives.*™, Janssen aims to reach Americans who unknowingly live with PAD through local screening and educational events, grassroots community activations, and a comprehensive online destination of patient-friendly PAD resources, ultimately elevating awareness and action among communities placed at an increased risk of the disease and the healthcare providers and systems that serve them.

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