

Global Day of Action for #insulin4all Triangle of Evil Takeover!

The Problem

- Insulin is as necessary to a person with diabetes as oxygen is to any human being. People with insulin-dependent diabetes cannot manage their illness with diet and exercise—without injecting insulin they will die in a few days.
- There are over seven million Americans that rely on injected insulin to stay alive and healthy.
- Eli Lilly, Novo Nordisk and Sanofi—the Big Three insulin producers—dominate more than 90% of the world insulin market by value.
- Since the 1990s, the cost of insulin has increased over 1,200% to about \$300 a vial, yet the cost of production for a vial of most analog insulin formulas is between \$3.69 and \$6.16.

This situation is forcing many who cannot afford the cost of insulin and supplies to resort to drastic measures to stay alive. Countless people have to choose between buying their essential insulin and paying their rent, buying food, or other unthinkable sacrifices. One of every four patients with type 1 diabetes has had to ration their insulin due to cost. Among young adults between the ages of 18 and 25, this number is even higher, with 43% of patients having rationed. [Many patients with type 1 diabetes have died in the United States because they have been forced to ration.](#) Despite many [promised insulin price cuts](#), patients are often [not seeing lower prices at the pharmacy counter.](#)

The Triangle of Evil

The Big Three insulin producers—Eli Lilly, Novo Nordisk and Sanofi—dominate more than 90% of the world insulin market by value. Often only one of these companies supplies insulin in a country, which means they more or less hold a monopoly there and can set prices as they wish. Right here in Cambridge, MA, the Big Three offices form a “Triangle of Evil”. Pharmaceutical executives make decisions from the comfort of their offices, each doing whatever mental gymnastics are necessary to justify their own actions and sleep comfortably at night in homes paid for by the exploitation of desperate patients!

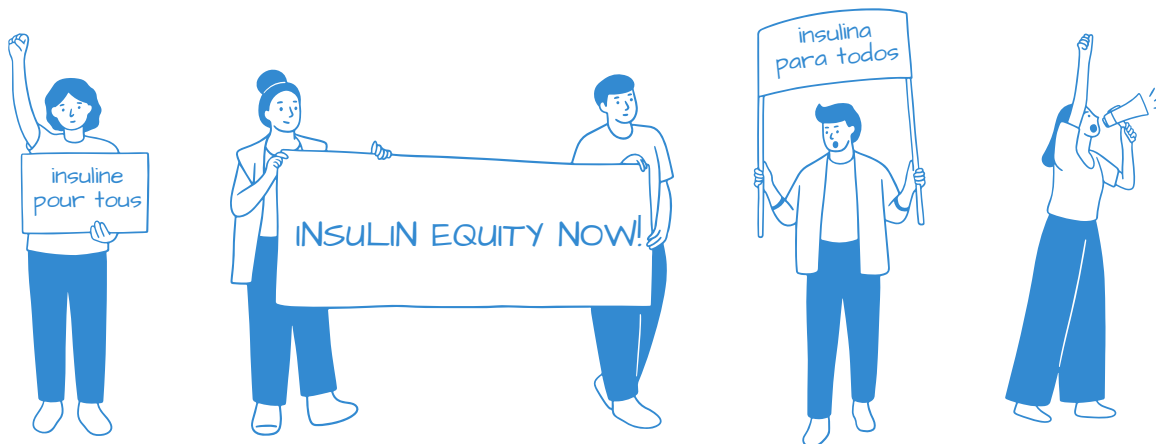
With these profits, they continue to hold their power. Eli Lilly, Novo Nordisk, and Sanofi collectively rake in several billions of dollars in profits. We know they spend millions on marketing, but they also spend [millions on lobbying politicians](#) and donating to our decision-makers so that they don’t take action on price gouging. [Check](#) if your representatives receive contributions from one of the Big Three insulin manufacturers or any pharmaceutical company. Chances are, they do.



Stand up, Fight back!

On March 16th 2024, T1International is leading a Global Day of Action for #insulin4all. We are delivering thousands of petition signatures to the Big Three insulin manufacturers: Eli Lilly in Indiana, Novo Nordisk in Denmark, and Sanofi in France. And we will be holding solidarity actions around the globe to raise our voices in a united call for insulin access and affordability!

- [Sign our petition demanding the Big Three lower their insulin list prices NOW!](#)
- Stay informed and involved: interested in joining actions like today's Triangle of Evil takeover? [Sign up to join the Massachusetts chapter!](#)
- Sustain the movement: unlike many patient advocacy and diabetes organizations, we take absolutely no funding from pharmaceutical companies. [Help sustain our work by donating!](#)



Erin Weaver, mother of Josh Wilkerson said about her experience as a volunteer with T1International,

“When my son first died, I felt as if I was screaming voiceless at a world that had stopped for me and yet kept turning all around me.

Being part of the vigil in front of Eli Lilly made me feel as if I was part of a bigger plan to fight against Big Pharma.

My single voice joined with many. I was able to voice my pain and connect with others who had also walked the frustrating road of needless death. I now have hope that people with type 1 diabetes will prevail.

