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GREETINGS!

Greetings! It was so wonderful to see so many of you at the National TB Conference in Atlanta! We are really excited about the launch of NTCA's new name: National TB Coalition of America! Their new name really underscores the fact it will take all of us to **#EndTB**. Speaking of which, to celebrate our Independence Day, and with an eye towards independence from TB, please take a few minutes to call your two Senators and one Representative to ask they co-sponsor the **End TB Now Act H. 1776 (no joke!)/S.288**. If any of them have already co-sponsored ([Senate list here](#) and [House list here](#)), just call and say "thanks so much"!

DC UPDATE

The End TB Now Act has been reintroduced in the Senate and the House with new bill numbers [H.1776/S.288!!](#) Please ask your Representatives and Senators to co-sponsor this important bi-partisan bill! Special thanks to Senator Bob Menendez (D-NJ), Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.), Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA) and Rep. María Elvira Salazar (R-FL), Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA), and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) for being the lead sponsors! Call or write your members of Congress to ask they co-sponsor the End TB Now Act today:

Call the Capitol Switchboard at **1-202-224-3121** and ask for your senator/representative or give your state if you do not know their name. When you are connected to an office, ask for the Health Legislative Assistant. If you leave a voicemail message, include your name, phone number, and email so that they can respond.

Sample message: I am a constituent from [your town] and I am calling to urge Sen./Rep. _____ to co-sponsor the End Tuberculosis Now Act of 2023. The bill outlines a plan and critical actions to align tuberculosis efforts in the U.S. with international efforts. TB, an airborne infectious disease, was and is again the leading global infectious disease killer. TB cases are rising across the globe. [Add a sentence about why you care about TB elimination.] The End TB Now Act will amplify our ability to end TB as a public health threat. I urge Sen./Rep. _____ to cosponsor this very important bill. Thank you for your consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CDC recently published a "[Dear Colleague Letter](#)" addressing reported drug shortage challenges for U.S. TB programs.
- FDA updated its Drug Shortage Report to include isoniazid (INH) on 05/23/23. [View the report here.](#)
- [Overview of Notice of Funding Opportunity: Advancing Policy as a Public Health Intervention to Reduce Morbidity, Mortality and Disparities in HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STDs, and Tuberculosis; PS-23-0009](#)
- [WHO and the Global Fund announce commitment for enhanced collaboration](#)

HIGHLIGHTED TB REPORTS/UPDATES

- [TB Notes 2, 2023](#)
- [READY NEXT TIME: Beating TB today and preparing for pandemics tomorrow](#)
- [Launch of a second wave of IJTLCD Clinical Standards for Lung Health](#)
- [Uniting for Ukraine Tuberculosis Screening Experience, San Francisco, California, USA](#)
- [Hope away from home: Providing support for refugees with tuberculosis, wherever they live](#)
- [Outcomes from a national screening program for Ukrainian refugees at risk of drug resistant tuberculosis in Wales](#)
- [Tuberculosis Outbreak Among Monkeys in Michigan Laboratory](#)
- [CDC Quarantine Fails to Detect TB Outbreak; PETA Urges Immediate Action](#)
- [Joint Statement from the United States and India](#)
- [Novel device holds promise for diagnosing tuberculosis in the “missing millions”](#)

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TB IN THE NEWS

- [A woman is in custody after refusing tuberculosis treatment for more than a year](#)
- [Understanding Tuberculosis from the Bacterium’s Point of View](#)
- [No Silver Bullets In Tuberculosis Prevention And Control](#)
- [Ukraine embraces innovation in its fight against another deadly foe: TB](#)
- [Digital approaches to reducing TB treatment loss to follow-up](#)
- [Highlighting the characteristics of TB disease in older people](#)
- [Why TB programmes should assess for comorbidities, determinants and disability at the start and end of TB treatment](#)
- [New diagnostics for the spectrum of asymptomatic TB: from infection to subclinical disease](#)
- [Clinical standards for the management of adverse effects during treatment for TB](#)
- [Achieving universal access to rapid tuberculosis diagnostics](#)
- [Tuberculosis is a global health threat](#)

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TB RESOURCES

- [Video Directly Observed Therapy \(VDOT\) Tool Kit](#)
- [When TB is the Least of their Worries: Mini-Course Series](#)
- [CDC On Demand - Publications](#)
- [TB Research Tracker](#)
- ["RePORT International"](#)
- The *Think. Test. Treat TB* Campaign continues to raise awareness about TB prevention. [Free resources](#) are available for TB programs and healthcare providers. Check out all the materials and resources on the [campaign](#)



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JOURNAL ARTICLES

- [Current status and future prospects of TB digital treatment adherence technology use in China](#)
- [Smoked drug use in patients with TB is associated with higher bacterial burden](#)
- [Outcomes of WHO-conforming, longer, all-oral multidrug-resistant TB regimens and analysis implications](#)
- [Understanding patient-level costs of weekly isoniazid-rifapentine \(3HP\) among people living with HIV in Uganda](#)
- [TB preventive therapy preferences among children and adolescents](#)
- [The effect of TB patient delay on loss to follow-up in Portugal](#)
- [Children’s priorities to improve the acceptability of MDR-TB treatment: qualitative data from South Africa](#)
- [Stress resilience in patients with drug-resistant TB](#)
- [Culture-negative TB: clinical characteristics, risk factors and treatment outcomes](#)
- [Safety and Immunogenicity of the ID93 + GLA-SE Tuberculosis Vaccine in BCG-Vaccinated Healthy Adults: A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Phase 2 Trial](#)

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COURSES/WORKSHOPS

Understanding TB Laboratory Testing for Public Health Nurses

The [Association of Public Health Laboratories](#) (APHL) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) collaborated to develop an online course, [“Understanding TB Laboratory Testing for Public Health Nurses”](#) to help TB nurses and clinicians learn about TB laboratory testing best practices.

The course will aid in communicating effectively and timely with the patient, clinician, and laboratory. To learn more visit [APHL](#).

Prevent Tuberculosis: Management of TB Infection, Part II

EVENTS, MEETINGS, & CONFERENCES

Recording: The ABC for a TB Activist: 1/4/6×24 Campaign and Supportive Diagnostics:

APHA Annual Meeting and Expo Registration: APHA 2023 is the premier public health event of the year. Learn from leading experts, build leadership skills and knowledge and connect with peers from around the globe, all with the choice and flexibility to select the best format for you.

Stop TB USA: Where we unite to #EndTB!

Invite a friend to [sign up](#) to receive the TB Wire and [be a part](#) of Stop TB USA!

Consider donating: Make a check out to NTCA (our fiscal home) with “Stop TB USA donation” in the memo line.

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