



**AUGUST 2022** 

#### **GREETINGS!**

It is a hot and dry one for most of us, which can be associated with <u>increased TB notifications</u>! What better way to respond than to step up to help lead our effort to #EndTB? Stop TB USA is now seeking nominations for the positions of Secretary (2-year term) and Chair-Elect (2 years followed by 2 years as Chair) – both positions help shape the direction and work of Stop TB USA. Please <u>nominate</u> yourself or a friend <u>here</u>.

#### **DC UPDATE**

#### **Great news!**

Three Senate Appropriations Subcommittees have recommended an increase for various items impacting efforts to #EndTB: 1) Increase of \$2 million for the TB division at CDC, 2) \$5 million increase for CDC's global efforts, and 3) TB explicitly included in the Congressionally Directed Medial Research Program under the Department of Defense. Congrats to all who contacted their Members of Congress! Keep up the communications during these next steps of the annual appropriations (i.e., dividing-up-the-money) process – your voices are working!!!

# <u>Contact your Senators and Representatives to co-sponsor the Comprehensive TB Elimination Act of 2021!</u>

The Comprehensive TB Elimination Act of 2021 has now been reintroduced in **both the Senate and in the House** of Representatives. This reauthorizing bill is meant to fund domestic TB programs and focus TB elimination and research resources on priority populations in the US. Please read more about the legislature <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>; join the effort to gain cosponsors for the bill by contacting your senators and representatives. A sample script and instructions can be found on our <u>website</u>.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Stop TB USA is seeking nominations for the next Secretary and Chair-Elect. Self-nominations are accepted. Please send in your nomination by October  $30^{th}$ , 2022. <u>Use this link to submit your nomination!</u>

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**Uniting for Ukraine: Information for TB Programs** 

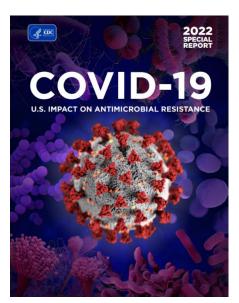
CDC has launched a new <u>webpage</u> with information and resources to help TB Programs involved in the "<u>Uniting for Ukraine</u>" program. The <u>website</u> contains helpful links and Ukrainian-language patient resources. The webpage will continue to be updated as more information is available.



## HIGHLIGHTED TB REPORTS/UPDATES

- Bacterial vaccines in clinical and preclinical development 2021: An overview and analysis
- GLOBAL PLAN TO END TB 2023-2030
- <u>Tuberculosis Testing Market 2022 By Emerging Trends, Industry Share, Regional Overview and SWOT</u>
  Analysis till 2027
- "New, multi-year US\$ 5.5 million project will "Re-imagine TB Care""
- COVID-19: U.S. Impact on Antimicrobial Resistance Report

CDC recently released <u>COVID-19</u>: <u>U.S. Impact on Antimicrobial Resistance</u>, <u>Special Report 2022</u>. The report analyzed the state of antimicrobial resistance, including drug-resistant TB, in the United States following the 2020 peaks of the COVID pandemic.



Read more reports and updates on our website page 'From TB Wire'!

### TB IN THE NEWS

- Online project explores Indigenous tuberculosis history

- NEW! "Addressing The Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI) and Tuberculosis (TB) Barriers of Community Health Centers Serving Asian, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders "Blog Series
- Being heard on all-oral therapy for resistant tuberculosis
- TB reporting declines in priority countries during the COVID-19 pandemic
- 25 years of surveillance of drug-resistant tuberculosis: achievements, challenges, and way forward
- <u>Machine Learning Model Predicts Infection With Treatment-Resistant Tuberculosis</u>
- New Insights Into How Mycobacterium Tuberculosis Grows To Resist Antibiotics Could Have Implications For Developing More Effective Treatments For Infection

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### TB RESOURCES

- WHO announces updates on its guidance on tuberculosis care and support
- WHO operational handbook on tuberculosis: module 4: treatment: tuberculosis care and support
- WHO consolidated guidelines on tuberculosis: module 4: treatment: tuberculosis care and support
- Understanding the Connection Between HIV and Tuberculosis
- <u>Cultural Quick Reference Guide: Ukraine</u>
- #EndTB Webinar: Supporting countries to transition to case-based, digital TB surveillance
- New Medscape Article Highlights CDC TB Treatment Regimen Guidance

On July 8, 2022, Medscape published "New 4-month TB Treatment Regimen: 5 Things to Know." The article highlights CDC's <u>interim guidance</u> on a 4-month regimen to <u>treat drug-susceptible TB disease</u> in the United States published earlier this year in *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*.



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## **JOURNAL ARTICLES**

- Rapid adaptation of a complex trait during experimental evolution of Mycobacterium tuberculosis
- <u>Treatment outcomes 24 months after initiating short, all-oral bedaquiline-containing or injectable-containing rifampicin-resistant tuberculosis treatment regimens in South Africa: a retrospective cohort study of the study o</u>
- Tuberculosis and Its "Troubled Relationship" With Other Diseases
- <u>Accelerating TB diagnosis during the COVID-19 pandemic</u>
- Addressing bedaquiline treatment interruptions in the treatment of drug-resistant TB
- <u>Impact of diabetes mellitus on rifampicin's plasma concentration and bioavailability in patients with tuberculosis: A systematic review and meta-analysis study</u>

Discover many more peer-reviewed articles on our website page 'Peer-Reviewed Publications'!

## **COURSES/WORKSHOPS**

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- Summer 2022 McGill Summer Institutes in Global Health TB course
- The Union Courses Newsletter
- The Union: Programmatic and Clinical Management of Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis

## **EVENTS, MEETINGS, & CONFERENCES**

- <u>August 12<sup>th</sup>, 12pm EST Society for Epidemiology in Tuberculosis Control Project ARMS</u>
  (Afghan Resettlement Medical Screening): Strengthening Technical Capacity for Data Capturing & Sharing Afghan Medical Information
- <u>November 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Lung Health 2022 Combating Pandemics:</u>

  <u>Today & Tomorrow</u>

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Please consider supporting our efforts.

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