



NOVEMBER 2022

GREETINGS!

Halloween, or All Hallows' Eve precedes All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day, and Día de Los Muertos in many Christian traditions. No matter the culture, it is a time to remember those that have died. Too many of them are being remembered because they lost the fight with tuberculosis. Would you take a few moments to honor those dead by taking an action to help **#EndTB?** You can call and leave a message with your Representative and two Senators (see the DC Update below), you can <u>write a letter to the editor</u> of your local media outlet calling for more funding to **#EndTB** (there is a great example in the TB in the News section below!). You can <u>nominate</u> yourself or a colleague to be the next Secretary or Chair-Elect of Stop TB USA (see job descriptions <u>here</u>).

DC UPDATE

<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 here and here; 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 website.

Ask your Members of Congress to cosponsor the End Tuberculosis Now Act of 2022 (S. 3386/H.R. 8654)

This bipartisan <u>legislation</u> encourages domestic agencies to align TB control efforts in the United States with global efforts and actions. The End TB Now Act will prioritize U.S. tuberculosis response to target the diagnosis and treatment of adults and children with TB and to prevent new TB infections in countries with high burdens of TB. TB anywhere is TB everywhere - domestic and international efforts must work collaboratively to **#EndTB**. <u>View the full legislation here</u>, a <u>fact sheet from RESULTS here</u>, and a <u>one-page factsheet here</u>. <u>Learn how on our website!</u>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stop TB USA will be holding elections for Chair-Elect and Secretary positions. <u>Please submit your nominations via this link</u>. Nominees need not be current Coordinating Board members or Stop TB USA members, and <u>self-nominations</u> are accepted!

Stop TB Partnership Launches 2022 Kochon Prize Call for Nominations. Nominations will be accepted until November 18th, 2022.

Public consultation on the draft WHO guidance for community and civil society engagement to end TB. Feedback will be accepted until November 7th, 2022.

HIGHLIGHTED TB REPORTS/UPDATES

- UNGA 77: Stop TB Highlights the need for ending TB
- Lupin Partners with Global Agencies to Increase Patient Access to Tuberculosis Prevention Treatment
- <u>Illumina and GenoScreen Partner to Expand Access to Genomic Testing for Multidrug-Resistant</u>
 Tuberculosis
- <u>Merck and the Bill & Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute Announce Licensing Agreement for Novel Tuberculosis Antibiotic Candidates</u>
- Parliamentarians and Civil Society align on key issues around TB in Migration
- PBD Biotech raises further £2.4m for its breakthrough tuberculosis blood test
- Diversifying the next generation of TB vaccines
- WHO announces updates to its guidelines on tests for the diagnosis of TB infection
- Four Years Down, One to Go: The Road to the 2023 UN High-Level Meeting on TB

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

TB IN THE NEWS

- Active tuberculosis case detected at Sacramento-area high school, district tells parents
- Coronavirus disruptions linked to increase in TB deaths
- Discover how AI is being used to detect tuberculosis
- OSU scientists helping to seek cure for tuberculosis
- TB care in prisons: the ongoing challenge
- A large cohort study of TB of the central nervous system: clinical outcomes
- Students' Rapid Tuberculosis Test Could Save Lives
- <u>In-depth: The complex relationship between TB and mental health</u>
- Digital X-rays boosting TB diagnosis, assessment finds
- The World's Biggest Infectious Killer Regains Its Deadly Lead
- In-depth: Use of urine test for TB increasing

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TB RESOURCES

- Sputum Collection Tips for Healthcare Workers
- Active TB Disease Fact Sheet (Multi-Language)
- Framework for collaborative action on tuberculosis and comorbidities
- Welcome to the Diagnostic CXR Atlas for Tuberculosis in Children Image Library!
- TAG's 2022 Pipeline Report: The latest TB vaccine research

Find more TB resources on our website page 'TB Resources'!

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Updated guidelines for child and adolescent TB
- Association of underweight status with the risk of tuberculosis: a nationwide population-based cohort study
- <u>High clustering rate and genotypic drug susceptibility screening for the newly recommended anti-tuberculosis drugs among global extensively drug-resistant Mycobacterium tuberculosis isolates</u>
- <u>Developing tuberculosis vaccines for people with HIV: consensus statements from an international expert</u> panel

- <u>An optimized method for purifying, detecting and quantifying Mycobacterium tuberculosis RNA from sputum for monitoring treatment response in TB patients</u>
- Pelvic and central nervous system tuberculosis complicated by a paradoxical response manifesting as a spinal tuberculoma: a case report
- Treatment outcomes and safety in children with rifampicin-resistant TB

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

COURSES/WORKSHOPS

- November 17th, 12:20-1:30pm EST: Stop TB USA and Rutgers Global Tuberculosis Institute
 Public Health and Media Communications Training
- Newcomer health: refugee, immigrant and migrant communities face multiple systems barriers that negatively affect health
- Introduction to Public Health Practice
- Union Courses

EVENTS, MEETINGS, & CONFERENCES

- November 2nd-4th 17th Global meeting of the working group on Public-Private Mix (PPM) for TB prevention and care
- <u>November 8th-11th World Conference on Lung Health 2022 Combating Pandemics:</u> Today & Tomorrow
- February 22nd-25th, 2023 27th Annual Conference of the Union-North America Region

Stop TB USA: Where we unite to **#EndTB**!

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