



TBWIRE

THE U.S. PARTNER IN THE GLOBAL
STOP TB PARTNERSHIP

FEBRUARY 2023

GREETINGS!

February is here, which means the North American Region (The Union-NAR) Annual meeting is in the air! As is our tradition, [our Annual Stop TB USA Member Meeting](#) will take place concurrently. If you will be at NAR in person, come find us in the Port McNeill room on Friday morning (the 24th). If you will be remote, you can [register here](#) to get the meeting Zoom link. We have also been developing two other sessions for those attending in person: the Stop TB Plenary (with Stop TB Canada; on Thursday morning) and a Postgrad session on Wednesday titled, “**Get Loud! Research literacy and advocacy workshop for clinicians, researchers, and TB survivors.**” We still have 3 full scholarships – if you know of someone, or you yourself are a TB survivor and can attend (Feb. 22-25), send us 200-500 words about why you are interested and what you might do with more advocacy skills: leadership@stoptbusa.org. Can’t wait to see you there!!!

DC UPDATE

Appropriations (AKA the “show me the money!” process) will begin as soon as the new House rules are settled upon. Stay tuned for #EndTB-relevant requests to make of your members of Congress—the ultimate arbiters of the people’s purse strings! Second, because we built so much momentum for the End TB Act in the last Congress, there is already a working group on getting it re-introduced sooner rather than later. We will let you know when to get in touch with your Members of Congress to ask them to co-sponsor. Finally, World TB Day is right around the corner. We are working with the TB Roundtable to coordinate the World TB Day on the Hill with individual meetings with TB survivors and allies, as well as hold Congressional Briefing regarding TB. If you would like to sponsor the travel costs for a TB survivor, send us an email at leadership@stoptbusa.org with “Sponsor TB Day on the Hill” in the subject line. If you want to be a part of the meetings, send us an email about that as well!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Add your World TB Day event to the CDC calendar!](#)

[CDC U.S. TB Elimination Champions](#)

Nominations for the U.S. CDC U.S. TB Elimination Champions is now open! We are seeking nominations that reflect the important contributions that individuals, TB survivors, agencies, organizations, and partners have made to eliminate TB. U.S. TB Champions will have their stories featured on CDC’s [website](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#) accounts. Visit the [CDC website](#) to learn more about the [nomination process](#) and past Champions.

- Nominations are due via email to tbinfo@cdc.gov or by using the hashtag #TBEliminationChampion on social media by February 17, 2023.



HIGHLIGHTED TB REPORTS/UPDATES

- [Practical manual on tuberculosis laboratory strengthening, 2022 update](#)
- [WHO announces plans to establish a TB Vaccine Accelerator council](#)
- [Open Letter: Urgent action necessary to improve equitable access to bedaquiline-based regimens and achieve 1/4/6x24](#)
- [WHO-commissioned study makes strong health and economic argument for investing in new TB vaccines](#)

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TB IN THE NEWS

- [Tuberculosis, a disease that devastated Alaska in the past, took a big jump in 2022](#)
- [An Old TB Vaccine Might Help Stave Off Diabetes, Cancer Alzheimer’s, and More](#)
- [Tailored TPT for drug-resistant TB – promoting equity and access to optimal care](#)
- [Closing the gaps in tuberculosis detection—considerations for policy makers](#)
- [Vitamin D can help the immune system fight tuberculosis, study says](#)
- [End TB Now Act Addresses the Ongoing Pandemic](#)
- [Former CDC Director Discusses Public Health’s Impact on National Policy](#)
- [Mysterious U.S. Outbreak of Bone-Eating Tuberculosis Resembled an Ancestral Form](#)

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TB RESOURCES

- [Rifamycin Drug-Drug Interactions: A Guide for Primary Care Providers Treating Latent Tuberculosis Infection](#)
- [HPMZ 4-Month Regimen](#)
- [Conducting the Tuberculosis Congregate Setting Contact Investigation: Video and Checklist](#)
- [1/4/6x24 Community Campaign Training Materials](#)
- [CDC: World TB Day](#)

Division of TB Elimination

CDC’s Division of TB Elimination is pleased to announce the release of Spanish-language resources as part of the 2021 edition of [Reported Tuberculosis in the United States](#). The featured Spanish-language resources include

- Newly translated webpages for [TB in specific populations](#)
- Updates to the [Data and Statistics](#) and [TB and Diabetes](#) webpages, and

- A new [infographic](#) and [social media graphics](#), which will be included in Spanish-language posts on our DTBE social media channels. ☐☐

Informe sobre vigilancia de la tuberculosis (TB) del 2021



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JOURNAL ARTICLES

- [Diabetes characteristics and long-term management needs in diabetic TB patients](#)
- [Diabetes mellitus is not a predictor of poor TB treatment outcomes](#)
- [Improving cascade outcomes for active TB: A global systematic review and meta-analysis of TB interventions](#)
- [The effect of undernutrition on sputum culture conversion and treatment outcomes among people with multidrug-resistant tuberculosis: a systematic review and meta-analysis](#)
- [T cell receptor repertoires associated with control and disease progression following Mycobacterium tuberculosis infection](#)
- [Introduction of the Simple One-Step stool Xpert Ultra method to detect TB in children and adults](#)
- [Treatment outcomes of multidrug-resistant TB with selective use of new drugs](#)

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COURSES/WORKSHOPS

[March 2nd, 7:00-8:10pm EST](#)

Please [join](#) Stop TB USA's training on **March 2nd, 7:00-8:10pm EST** to learn more about effective media advocacy -- just in time to help make World TB Day 2023 more impactful! You will learn about and practice using a powerful communication tool (the EPIC format). The goal is for you to draft your very own letter to the editor by the end of the training. No matter your age or profession, you are welcome!! Be sure to bring your pen/device and an idea for what aspect of TB elimination you care about most! You are welcome to invite your friends and colleagues. [Register here.](#)

EVENTS, MEETINGS, & CONFERENCES

- [February 22nd-25th, 2023 – 27th Annual Conference of the Union-North America Region](#)
 - o **12:00-3:00pm Pacific Time, February 22nd, 2023** -- Get Loud! Research literacy and advocacy workshop for clinicians, researchers, and TB survivors. If you are a local TB survivor, no need to register for NAR – attendance is free!
 - o **7:30am Pacific Time, February 24th, 2023** – Stop TB USA Annual Membership Meeting – [register here for the zoom link](#) (come in person if you are attending NAR)!
- [March 2nd, 2023, 7pm EST – Stop TB USA Media Advocacy Training](#)
- [June 12th-15th, 2023 – National TB Conference](#)

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

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