



**MARCH 2023** 

# **GREETINGS!**

We probably don't have to remind you that World TB Day is 3/24!!! There are so many wonderful events (several listed below), and we hope you attend our training to learn how YOU can be an impactful #EndTB advocate!! We also really appreciated seeing everyone at The Union – NAR conference and our annual membership meeting! If you didn't make it to the meeting, see the slides and meeting packet via QR code or via this link.



# **DC UPDATE**

**Make Appropriations Requests to Reps. & Senators Now.** Every member of Congress can and should shape spending priorities on behalf of constituents. Historically, your work on appropriations requests and sign-on letters has increased funding for effective development programs by hundreds of millions of dollars, and domestic TB funding by \$2 million. Now is the time to ask your Reps. and Senators to include **#EndTB** priorities in their submissions to the State and Foreign Operations Subcommittee (SFOPS) and the Labor, Health & Human Services, Education Subcommittee (LHHS) of Appropriations. These requests are time sensitive, so submit your requests now. Here are some helpful tips:

- Sample letter to the Foreign Policy aide in RESULTS' <u>February Action Sheet</u>. (You can use it as a template for writing the Foreign Policy aide as a member of Stop TB USA; if writing to the Health aide, the Chair of LHHS Subcommittee is Rep. Robert Aderholt (AL), the Ranking member is Rep. Rosa DeLauro (CT), and the appropriations request is \$225 million for CDC's domestic TB activities.)
- Link to the <u>bilateral TB appropriations request</u> and the <u>Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, & Malaria request</u> (you can send these to the offices of your Members of Congress).
- Note: Senate SFOPS has set a deadline of April 14 to hear from other Senators, which means your Senators will set much earlier deadlines to hear from you as a constituent spending priorities. House SFOPS has not yet set a deadline to hear from other Reps, but their deadline is typically earlier than the Senate's, so we want to act now!

The End TB Now Act has been reintroduced in the Senate with the new bill number S.288!! Please ask your Senators to co-sponsor this important bill that came soooooo close to passing (with lots of bipartisan support) last year! Special thanks to Senator Bob Menendez (D-N.J.) and Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) for being the lead sponsors!

**TB Day on the Hill.** 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 a Congressional Briefing regarding TB. If you would like to sponsor

the travel costs for a TB survivor, send us an email at <u>leadership@stoptbusa.org</u> 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**

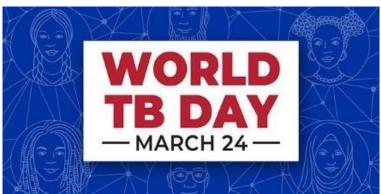
Congratulations to our new Chair-Elect Jonathan Stillo, PhD and Secretary Amee Patrawalla, MD, MPH!

Dr. Stillo is an Assistant Professor at Wayne State University teaching medical anthropology and public health. He has been on the Stop TB USA Coordinating Board since 2020 and has researched TB in Romania since 2006. Dr. Patrawalla is an Associate Professor at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School and is the Medical Director for the Rutgers Global Tuberculosis Institute, a TB Center of Excellence. She is a clinician and has served in roles with ACET, CHEST, and The Union. We are thrilled to have them on the leadership team!

# World TB Day 2023

Each year, we recognize <u>World TB Day</u> on March 24. This annual event commemorates the date in 1882 when Dr. Robert Koch announced his discovery of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the bacillus that causes TB. World TB Day is a day to educate the public about the impact of TB around the world.

CDC has developed resources, including an <u>event timeline</u> and a <u>digital toolkit</u>, to assist in World TB Day planning efforts. CDC is also celebrating individuals and organizations working in effective and engaging ways to end TB through the <u>CDC</u>



U.S. TB Elimination Champions project. Visit the World TB Day website to learn more.

2023 NTCA Awards: Call for Nominations

"Yes! We Can End TB." World TB Day 2023 Theme Announcement

Submissions for #UnionConf2023 Now Open

# HIGHLIGHTED TB REPORTS/UPDATES

- A Campaign to Rally Energy, Funding, and Political Will to End TB
- Pipeline Report » 2022: Tuberculosis Treatment
- Worldwide funding for neglected disease R&D stagnates after years of growth
- Neglected disease research and development: the status quo won't get us there
- TB-IPD platform
- Telacebec (Q203) is a first-in-class drug candidate against Mycobacterium tuberculosis infection. Telacebec (Q203) targets cytochrome bc1 complex and shows potent activity against multi-drug resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB).
- Strategic and Technical Advisory Group for Tuberculosis (STAG-TB): report of the 22nd meeting

- Launch of global individual patient data platform for tuberculosis treatment

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

# TB IN THE NEWS

- TB survivors challenge Johnson & Johnson's patent on TB drug in India
- As with COVID-19, the effects of TB can linger long after it is cured
- As Covid Grabbed the World's Attention, Texas' Efforts to Control TB Slipped
- Tuberculosis Vaccine: In the United States and Around the World
- Alaska health officials and providers work on strategies for responding to tuberculosis surge
- <u>Is a recent case of tuberculosis in Pa. a concern for Delaware? What you need to know</u>
- <u>Tuberculosis case at Las Vegas elementary school raises concerns for parents</u>
- SILVA LINING How Chelsea star Thiago Silva almost died from tuberculosis aged 21, and his wife saved his career
- A Washington woman with tuberculosis refuses treatment, so authorities got court orders
  - o Tacoma woman with tuberculosis ordered to receive treatment in jail
  - Active Tuberculosis Reported in Transit Rider

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#### TB RESOURCES

#### 1-2-3s of TB

<u>Diagnosis</u> and management of tuberculosis in children and adolescents: a desk guide for primary health care workers

### **Mantoux Tuberculin Skin Test Training Video**



People who administer the Mantoux tuberculin skin test can view a new <u>online training video</u>. CDC's Mantoux Tuberculin Skin Test video is a 27-minute training video that provides step-by-step instructions to health care providers on how to administer the test and read the results.

The video is posted on the CDC <u>website</u> as well as <u>YouTube</u> for easy access for TB programs. This video is part of a set of <u>tools</u>, including a <u>wall chart</u> and a <u>ruler</u>.

# JOURNAL ARTICLES

- The cost and cost-effectiveness of novel tuberculosis vaccines in low- and middle-income countries: A modeling study
- Bacillus Calmette-Guérin vaccine for prevention of COVID-19 and other respiratory tract infections in older adults with comorbidities: a randomized controlled trial
- Evaluation of the impact of COVID-19 in people coinfected with HIV and/or tuberculosis in low-income countries: study protocol for mixed methods research in Burkina Faso
- The in-hospital tuberculosis diagnostic cascade and early clinical outcomes among people living with HIV before and during the COVID-19 pandemic a prospective multisite cohort study from Ghana
- The human proton pump inhibitors inhibit Mycobacterium tuberculosis rifampicin efflux and macrophageinduced rifampicin tolerance
- Deep learning classification of active tuberculosis lung zones wise manifestations using chest X-rays: a multi label approach

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

# **COURSES/WORKSHOPS**

- Customised training with The Union
- International course on the clinical management of drug-resistant tuberculosis 2023
- Cours international sur la lutte contre la tuberculose 2023

# **EVENTS, MEETINGS, & CONFERENCES**

Check out all <u>World TB Day events</u> on CDC's <u>Events page</u>.

- March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm EST Stop TB USA Media Advocacy Training
- March 15th, 12-4pm EST 2023 Breathe Pennsylvania TB Conference
- March 16th, 12-4pm EST 2023 New York City World TB Day Conference A Future Free of TB: New Paths Forward
- March 23rd, 8:45-3pm EST Indiana Department of Public Health Summit
- March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9am-1pm EST 2023 DC World TB Day Conference
- March 24th, 8:30am-5pm PDT 2023 UCSF World TB Day Symposium
- March 29th, 10:30am-12pm EST Annual Thomas Q Garvey Public Health Lecture
- June 12th-15<sup>th</sup> National TB Conference

**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. Send to PO Box 260288, Atlanta, GA 31126

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