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GREETINGS!

We are just weeks away from the [National TB Conference](#) in Atlanta, GA, being held in conjunction with the Association of Public Health Laboratories' (APHL) 13th National Conference on Laboratory Aspects of TB (June 12-15). Come check out our @StopTBUSA booth and learn [more ways](#) for you and yours to #EndTB! This conference is so popular, NTCA had to set up a *second* overflow hotel!!

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.

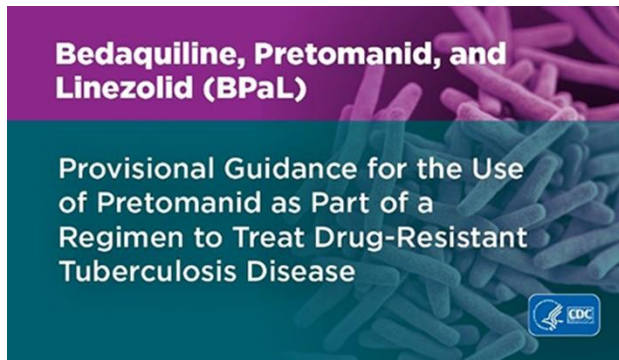
Sample message: I am a constituent from [your town] and I am calling to urge Sen./Rep. _____ to co-sponsor the End Tuberculosis Now Act of 2023. The bill outlines a plan and critical actions to align tuberculosis efforts in the U.S. with international efforts. TB, an airborne infectious disease, was and is again the leading global infectious disease killer. TB cases are rising across the globe. 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

- 2023-2024 TEA Mini-Grant Program RFP and Information Session Open Now! [Applications due June 16th, 2023.](#)
- 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.](#)

HIGHLIGHTED TB REPORTS/UPDATES

CDC released updates to the 2022 “[Provisional CDC Guidance for the Use of Pretomanid as part of a Regimen \[Bedaquiline, Pretomanid, and Linezolid \(BPaL\)\] to Treat Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis Disease](#)”.



[TDR and WHO announce TDA4Child, an operational research package to generate data on treatment decision algorithms for pulmonary tuberculosis in children](#)

[TB Vaccine Candidate Plans Efficacy Study](#)

[Joint statement: WHO Director-General and the Civil Society Task Force on TB for the 2023 United Nations High-Level Meeting on Tuberculosis](#)

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TB IN THE NEWS

- [Opinion: No more excuses — we can end TB in children](#)
- [Is it time for new fixed-dose combinations and revised weight bands for children with drug-susceptible TB?](#)
- [A novel method for contact tracing for TB at household and community level](#)
- [Autophagy is part of the answer to tuberculosis](#)
- [TB cases rose 5 percent last year, more among young children](#)
- [Wyandotte County warns of tuberculosis cases](#)
- [Mycobacterium marinum Infection after Iguana Bite in Costa Rica](#)
- [Letter: COVID emergency over; now lets fight to eradicate TB](#)
- [Tuberculosis is a continuing killer that can be stopped](#)

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TB RESOURCES

- [Task Force Recommends Latent TB Infection Screening](#)
- [Understanding TB Laboratory Testing for Public Health Nurses](#)
- [Preguntas Frecuentes: La Tuberculosis \(TB\) \[Frequently Asked Questions: Tuberculosis \(TB\)\]](#)
- [Screening for Latent Tuberculosis Infection in AdultsUS Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation Statement](#)

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JOURNAL ARTICLES

- [Cohort study of the mortality among patients in New York City with tuberculosis and COVID-19, March 2020 to June 2022](#)
- [A systematic review of the costs of diagnosis for multidrug-resistant/extensively drug-resistant TB in different settings](#)
- [Best practices for the care of pregnant people living with TB](#)
- [The rise of artificial intelligence reading of chest X-rays for enhanced TB diagnosis and elimination](#)
- [Adequacy of WHO weight-band dosing and fixed-dose combinations for the treatment of TB in children](#)
- [Epidemiology of extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis among patients with multidrug-resistant tuberculosis: A systematic review and meta-analysis](#)
- [Mycobacterium tuberculosis disease associates with higher HIV-1-specific antibody responses](#)
- [Surviving Pulmonary Tuberculosis: Navigating the Long Term Respiratory Effects](#)

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COURSES/WORKSHOPS

1. 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](#).

- [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

[June 12th-15th – National TB Conference](#) in Atlanta, GA!

June 20th-21st – The [Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis \(ACET\)](#) will hold their bi-annual meeting on June 20-21, 2023. ACET members will provide recommendations regarding elimination of TB policies, strategies, objectives, and priorities.

Stop TB USA: Where we unite to [#EndTB!](#)

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