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#### **GREETINGS!**

So much has changed in this country with serious public health implications in just the last month, our heads are spinning. Using your voice to influence policy maker's decisions is more important than ever. It's a good thing our next Media Advocacy training is already scheduled for August 1, 8-9:30pm Eastern. Sign up here and feel free to invite family, friends, and colleagues – we need lots of voices to #End TB!

### **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 <a href="here">here</a> and <a href="here">here</a>; 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 <a href="here">website</a>.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **Other Announcements:**

- TB Language Guide 2.0 launched at Stop TB Partnership Board meeting
- Stop TB Partnership: The Introducing New Tools Project

## HIGHLIGHTED TB REPORTS/UPDATES

- <u>Manual for selection of molecular WHO recommended rapid diagnostic tests for detection of tuberculosis and</u> drug-resistant tuberculosis
- Digital TB Surveillance System Assessment Report
- U.S. Government Funded Research Brings Shorter Tuberculosis Treatment Regimens to New York City
- Lack of access to medicine is a major driver of drug resistance. How can pharma take action?
- People-Centered, Rights-Based TB Legislation In Eastern Europe and Central Asia
- WHO Director-General's keynote address at the WHO Global Tuberculosis Programme 9 June 2022

- WHO convenes experts to review methods for estimating TB disease burden

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

### TB IN THE NEWS

- Canadian Arctic tuberculosis outbreak lays bare overcrowded living conditions
- UVA scientists make progress in their longstanding efforts to combat tuberculosis
- Towards meaningful inclusion of people affected by TB: lessons from the COVID-19 response
- Hundreds of Potential New Drug Targets Discovered for Tuberculosis
- Undernutrition can no longer be an afterthought for global efforts to eliminate TB
- Prior Cytomegalovirus Associated With Increased Risk for Tuberculosis
- The Intersection of SARS-CoV-2 With TB: It's Complicated
- <u>Latent TB testing, positivity increased throughout 2021</u>
- Positive signs for new TB testing strategy

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#### TB RESOURCES

- Provisional CDC Guidance for the Use of Pretomanid as part of a Regimen [Bedaquiline, Pretomanid, and Linezolid (BPaL)] to Treat Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis Disease
- Severe COVID-19: A TB Risk Factor
- Global TB Caucus: TB video series
- Human rights, informed consent, and high ethical standards as a basis for people-centered TB care
- WHO Consolidated Guidelines on Tuberculosis, Module 4: Treatment Drug-Susceptible Tuberculosis Treatment
- Updated: CDC Stop TB Poster

CDC has a new look for the <u>Stop TB poster</u>. The poster can be used by TB programs and other healthcare settings to help educate people with TB disease and latent TB infection, as well as people at risk for TB. To download copies in <u>English</u> and <u>Spanish</u>, please check out the <u>CDC website</u>. To order print copies, please visit <u>CDC-INFO on Demand</u>.



## **JOURNAL ARTICLES**

- Clinical standards for the dosing and management of TB drugs
- Does BCG vaccination protect against infection with M. tuberculosis?
- Characteristics, risk factors and outcomes of critically ill patients with active TB
- The impact of diabetes mellitus on pulmonary TB
- Systems of support for foreign-born TB patients and their family members

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## **COURSES/WORKSHOPS**

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

# **EVENTS, MEETINGS, & CONFERENCES**

- Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis (ACET) meeting
The Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis (ACET) held their bi-annual meeting virtually on June
21-22. ACET discussed a variety of topics, including immigration and TB, pathways and barriers of bringing new
TB drugs to the market, and an overview of National Institutes of Health (NIH) funded clinical trial groups

- November 8th-11th - World Conference on Lung Health 2022 - Combating Pandemics: Today & Tomorrow

conducting TB research. Learn more about ACET and review past meeting minutes here.

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