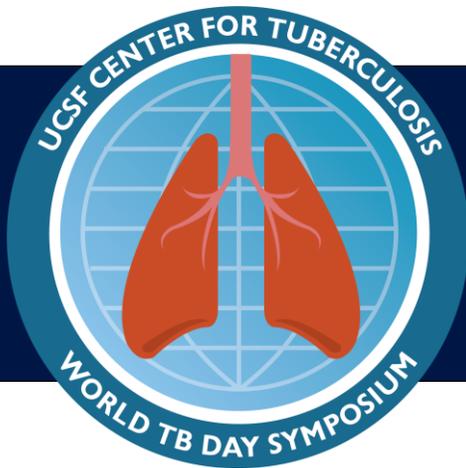


San Francisco



# World TB Day Symposium

*Sustaining Momentum: Strengthening Community  
Partnerships in TB Research and Care*

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

8:40 a.m. – 3:55 p.m.

Pacific Daylight Time

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Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
8:40am	Welcome	<p><b>Payam Nahid, MD, MPH</b> Executive Director, Institute for Global Health Sciences</p> <p><b>Lisa Chen, MD</b> Principal Investigator, CITC, UCSF</p> <p><b>Susannah Graves, MD, MPH – TB</b> Controller, TB Prevention and Control Program, San Francisco Department of Health</p>
8:40-9:30am	<p><b>KEYNOTE: TBD (50 min)</b> <b>Moderator: Philip Hopewell MD</b> – Professor Emeritus, Founding Principal Investigator, UCSF Curry International Tuberculosis Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction by Drs. Philip Hopewell and Gisela Schecter</li> <li>• Keynote</li> <li>• Moderated Discussion / Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	<p><b>Paula Fujiwara, MD</b> All Speakers</p>
9:30-9:45am	<b>Break (15 minutes)</b>	
9:45-10:30am	<p><b>SESSION 1: Community Engagement Protocols (45min)</b> <b>Moderator: Kinari Shah, MSc</b> – Researcher, School of Medicine UCSF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Session Panel</li> </ul>	<p><b>Makomo Hachintu, MS</b> Study Coordinator Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia – CIDRZ</p> <p><b>Rejoice Abimiku, PhD, MSc</b> Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Biological Sciences, Zankli Research Centre, Nigeria</p> <p>All Speakers</p>
10:30-10:45am	<b>Break (15 minutes)</b>	
10:45-11:45am	<p><b>SESSION 2: Early-Stage Investigators (ESIs) – Next generation of researchers tackling TB (60min)</b> <b>Moderator: Celeste Garza, BS</b> – PhD Candidate, Suliman Lab UCSF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to TRAC and TB RAMP</li> <li>• Present the Phil Hopewell Mentorship Award</li> </ul> <p>• Session Panel (six TRAC ESIs)</p> <p>• Moderated Q/A</p>	<p><b>Elizabeth Fair, PhD, MPH</b> Co-Director, UCSF Center for TB/ UC TRAC Development Core/TB RAMP</p> <p><u>Proposed speakers (in alphabetical order, presenting order TBD):</u></p> <p><b>Lelia Chaisson, PhD, MSc (UC TRAC)</b> Assistant Researcher University of California, San Francisco</p> <p><b>Hassan Eldesouky, PhD (SEATRAC)</b> Postdoctoral Associate University of Washington School of Medicine</p> <p><b>Styliani (Stela) Karanika, MD (JHU)</b> Assistant Professor of Medicine Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine</p> <p><b>Michael Maril, MD (Emory)</b> Pulmonary Research Fellow Emory University</p> <p><b>Prakash Singh, PhD (IN-TRAC)</b> Postdoctoral Scientist Texas Biomedical Research Institute</p> <p><b>Vijay Soni, PhD (Tri-I-I TRAC)</b></p>

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		Instructor, Microbiology in Medicine Weill Cornell Medicine
<b>11:45-12:45pm</b>	<b>Lunch break (60 minutes, catered lunch)</b>	
<b>12:45-1:45pm</b>	<b>SESSION 3: Firsthand experiences surviving TB (60min)</b> <b>Moderator: Susannah Graves, MD, MPH</b> – TB Controller, TB Prevention and Control Program, San Francisco Department of Health	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Session Panel</li> <li>• Moderated Discussion / Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	TB Survivors All Speakers
<b>1:45-2:00pm</b>	<b>Break (15 minutes)</b>	
<b>2:00-3:00pm</b>	<b>SESSION 4: Protecting Family and Community – Case Presentation &amp; Introduction to the CI Team (60min)</b> <b>Moderator: Susannah Graves, MD, MPH</b> – TB Controller, TB Prevention and Control Program, San Francisco Department of Health	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Session Panel</li> <li>• Moderated Discussion / Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	TBD All Speakers
<b>3:00-3:45pm</b>	<b>SESSION 5: Fighting TB Together: Advocacy for All of Us!</b> <b>Moderator: Celeste Garza, BS</b> – PhD Candidate, Suliman Lab UCSF	
	Moderated Session	<b>Elizabeth (Lizzy) Lovinger</b> U.S. and Global Health Policy Director Treatment Action Group
<b>3:45-3:50pm</b>	<b>Together Against TB (raffle drawing)</b>	<b>Sophie Huddart, PhD, MSc</b>
<b>3:50-3:55pm</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>	<b>Payam Nahid, MD, MPH</b> <b>Lisa Chen, MD</b> <b>Susannah Graves, MD, MPH</b>
<b>3:55pm</b>	<b>Close of event</b>	