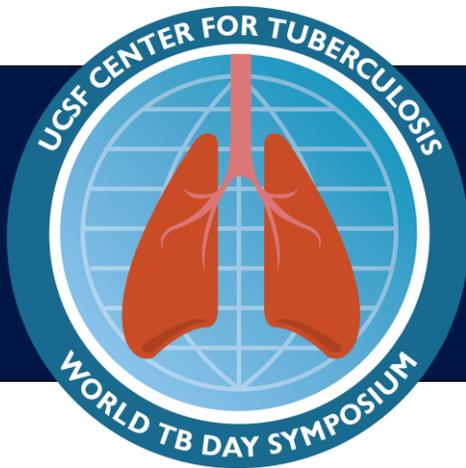


San Francisco



World TB Day Symposium

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

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

8:30 a.m. – 3:55 p.m.

Pacific Daylight Time

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Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
		Payam Nahid, MD, MPH Executive Director, Institute for Global Health Sciences
8:30-8:40am	Welcome	Lisa Chen, MD Principal Investigator, CITC, UCSF Susannah Graves, MD, MPH – Director, TB Branch, Population Health Division, San Francisco Department of Health
8:40-9:30am	KEYNOTE: Yes, We Can (Still) End TB—Led by Science, Powered by Communities for Action: an all-of-society approach (50 min) Moderator: Philip Hopewell MD – Professor Emeritus, Founding Principal Investigator, UCSF Curry International Tuberculosis Center	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction by Drs. Philip Hopewell and Gisela Schechter Moderated Discussion / Q&A 	Paula I. Fujiwara, MD, MPH Former Scientific Director, International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, Paris, France Scientific Advisor, antidote.ngo All Speakers
9:30-9:45am	Break (15 minutes)	
9:45-10:30am	SESSION 1: From Ideation to Implementation: Developing Research with Community Partners (45min) Moderator: Kinari Shah, MSc – Researcher, School of Medicine UCSF & Kalee Singh, MPH, DrPH – Researcher, UCSF Center for TB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session Panel Moderated Discussion / Q&A 	Rejoice Abimiku, PhD, MSc Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Biological Sciences Zankli Research Centre, Nigeria Makomo Hachintu, MS Study Coordinator INTRO -TB VAX Study Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ) Nyiko Kubai Regional CAB Member/Public Health Advocate AFROCAB Treatment Access Partnership Johannesburg, South Africa Tariro Kutadza, MS HIV/TB Advocate Advocacy Communication Social Mobilization Zimbabwe National Network of PLHIV+ National Coordinator TB People Chapter Zimbabwe UTRAC – CAB Member All Speakers
10:30-10:45am	Break (15 minutes)	
10:45-11:45am	SESSION 2: Early-Stage Investigators (ESIs) – Next generation of researchers tackling TB (60min) Moderator: Celeste Garza, BS – PhD Candidate, Suliman Lab UCSF	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to TRAC and TB RAMP Present the Phil Hopewell Mentorship Award Session Panel (six TRAC ESIs) 	Elizabeth Fair, PhD, MPH Co-Director, UCSF Center for TB/ UC TRAC Development Core/TB RAMP Lelia Chaisson, PhD, MSc (UC TRAC) Assistant Researcher University of California, San Francisco
	Enhancing Tuberculosis Prevention and Management by Recognizing Sex and Gender Differences	

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	New Ways to Help the Immune System Cure Tuberculosis	Styliani (Stela) Karanika, MD (JHU) Assistant Professor of Medicine Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
	Lung function in TB and HIV/TB co-infection	Michael Maril, MD (Emory) Pulmonary Research Fellow Emory University
	Advances in Host-directed Therapies for TB/HIV Co-infection	Shashi Prakash Singh, PhD (IN-TRAC) Postdoctoral Scientist Texas Biomedical Research Institute
	Why Metabolism Matters for Antibiotic Efficacy	Vijay Soni, PhD (Tri-I TRAC) Instructor, Microbiology in Medicine Weill Cornell Medicine
	Chemical Biology to Interrogate Antibiotic Persistence in <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>	Hassan Eldesouky, PhD (SEATRAC) Postdoctoral Associate, University of Washington School of Medicine
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderated Discussion / Q&A 	All Speakers
11:45-12:45pm	Lunch break (60 minutes, catered lunch)	
12:45-1:45pm	SESSION 3: Firsthand Experiences Surviving TB (60min) Moderators: Susannah Graves, MD, MPH – Director, TB Branch, Population Health Division, San Francisco Department of Health and Isela Ford, MPA – Director, Office of Equity and Community Engagement, Population Health/San Francisco Department of Public Health	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session Panel 	Teresita (Teresa) Ampie Health Worker, TB Branch Population Health Division San Francisco Department of Public Health
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderated Discussion / Q&A 	TB Survivors All Speakers
1:45-2:00pm	Break (15 minutes)	
2:00-3:00pm	SESSION 4: Protecting Family and Community – Case Presentation & Introduction to the CI Team (60min) Moderator: Susannah Graves, MD, MPH – Director, TB Branch, Population Health Division, San Francisco Department of Public Health	
	Overview of the role of CI in TB prevention and present a CI case	Seemab Haider, MPH Disease Control Investigator, TB Branch, Population Health Division San Francisco Department of Public Health
		Felix Crespin, HPC II TB Disease Investigation Section Chief TB Branch, Population Health Division San Francisco Department of Public Health
		Laura Romo-Timme, MPH Surveillance Epidemiology Manager TB Branch, Population Health Division San Francisco Department of Public Health
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderated Discussion / Q&A 	All Speakers

3:00-3:45pm

SESSION 5: Fighting TB Together: Advocacy for All of Us!
Moderator: Celeste Garza, BS – PhD Candidate, Suliman Lab UCSF

- Moderated Session

Elizabeth (Lizzy) Lovinger
U.S. and Global Health Policy Director
Treatment Action Group

3:45-3:50pm

Together Against TB (TAT): TB Dignity Fund (raffle drawing)

Sophie Huddart, PhD, MSc
Assistant Professor, UCSF

3:50-3:55pm

Closing remarks

Payam Nahid, MD, MPH
Lisa Chen, MD
Susannah Graves, MD, MPH

3:55pm

Close of event