

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

2026 Pacific Islands Tuberculosis Controllers Association Conference

September 10 - 14, 2026

Tumon, Guam



On behalf of the Guam Tuberculosis Program and the Curry International Tuberculosis Center we are honored to welcome you to Tumon, Guam for the 2026 Pacific Islands Tuberculosis Controllers Association (PITCA) Conference

Håfa Adai (Hello and Welcome),

On behalf of the Guam Department of Public Health and social Services, it is my distinct honor to welcome you to the 2026 Pacific Island Tuberculosis Conference. Guam last had the privilege of hosting this important regional gathering in 2009, and we are deeply honored to welcome our partners back to our island after nearly two decades. Your presence reflects the strength of our shared commitment to protect the health of our people and to advocate the continued fight to eliminate tuberculosis across the Pacific.

Since we last convened in Guam, our public health systems have faced new and complex challenges. Through every change, the partnership across Pacific Island jurisdictions and with our federal partners has remained essential. Tuberculosis prevention and control require vigilance and sustained coordination. This conference provides an opportunity to learn from one another, strengthen regional capacity, and renew the shared commitment that helps keep our island communities healthy and resilient.

To our visiting delegates and colleagues from throughout the Pacific welcome to Guam. We are grateful for the expertise and dedication you bring to this work. I encourage each of you to engage fully in the discussions ahead and carry forward the lessons learned here in service to the people and communities we represent.

In spirit of inafa'maolek, the Chamorro value of working together for the good of all, we are pleased to welcome you to Guam and look forward to the collaboration, learning, and connection this conference will inspire.

Un dāngkolo na Si Yu'os ma'āse' (Thank you)



Theresa C. Arriola, MBA

Director

Department of Public Health and Social Services

“Welcome to Guam and to PITCA 2026!

It has been seventeen years since PITCA last convened on our island, so it is a distinct honor, both as Guam TB Program Manager and NTCA president, to welcome colleagues from across the Pacific and globally for this milestone return.

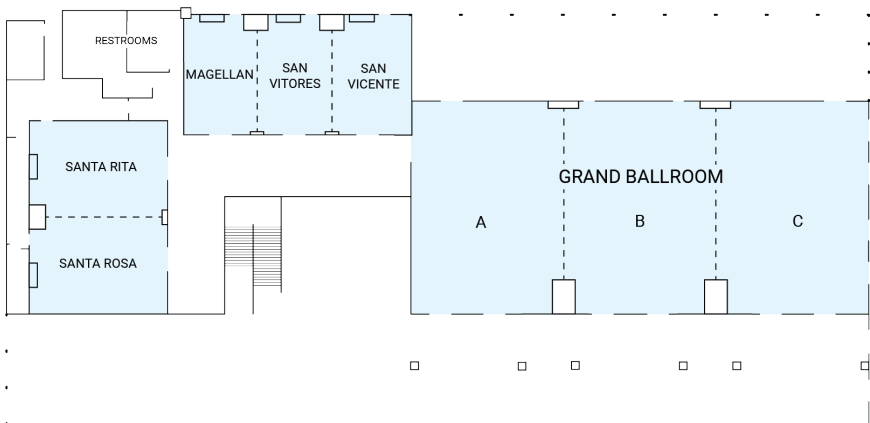
On behalf of the Guam TB Program, I welcome you to this week's conference and look forward to the exchange of ideas, partnerships, and lessons that will strengthen TB control.

Guam is honored to be your host, and on behalf of everyone who helped bring PITCA back to our island, welcome and *si Yu'os ma'ase'*, and let's get to work together.”

— Chima Mbakwem, Guam DPHSS Program Manager

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

TIME	SESSION
7:00 - 8:00 AM	BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION
8:00 - 9:05 AM	Opening Ceremony MODERATORS: Chima Mbakwem, MSHS, PGCFE, Derrick Felix, MPH, and Al Silverio
8:00 - 8:05	U.S. National Anthem & Guam Hymm
8:05 - 8:10	Invocation & Guam Traditional Prayer
8:10 - 8:20	Cultural Performance
8:20 - 8:35	Welcoming Remarks Governor Lourdes Aflague “Lou” Leon Guerrero
8:35 - 8:50	Opening Remarks Director of Public Health Theresa C. Arriola, MBA & Congressman James C. Moylan
8:50 - 9:05	Special Remarks Terence Chorba, MD, DSc, Lisa Chen, MD, Donna Wegener, MA, Guy Marks, MBBS, PhD, FRACP, FAFPHM, Jann-Yuan Wang, MD, PhD, Jonathan Golub, PhD, MPH, Amanda Christensen, RN, and Pauly Jean Rosell-Ubial, MD, MPH
9:05 - 9:20 AM	BREAK
9:20 - 9:30 AM	TB Survivor Experience
9:30 - 10:45 AM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS From Control to Elimination of TB: Taiwan’s Experience & Implications for the Pacific Islands PRESENTER: Jann-Yuan Wang, MD, PhD
10:45 - 10:55 AM	CLOSING REMARKS COMMENTS: Deputy Director of Public Health Amanda Shelton, MPA
10:55 - 11:00 AM	BENEDICTION
11:00 - 12:00 PM	LUNCH BUFFET

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

TIME	SESSION
12:00 - 3:30 PM	Site Visits
101 University Drive Mangilao, Guam 96923	Guam Public Health Training & Biosafety Laboratory Facility Explore Guam’s new Public Health Laboratory and learn how the facility strengthens the island’s capacity for disease detection, surveillance, and emergency response. The tour will highlight modern laboratory capabilities, safety practices, and Guam’s commitment to public health preparedness and collaboration across the Pacific.
125 Tun Jesus Crisostomo Street Tamuning, Guam 96913	Todu Guam Foundation Visit the Todu Guam Foundation Health & Wellness Center to learn how its comprehensive health delivery model brings essential healthcare services directly to underserved and hard-to-reach communities across Guam through its Wellness on Wheels mobile clinic and brick and mortar facility. Founded by Senator Dennis Rodriguez, the foundation helps reduce barriers to care by bringing services closer to the people who need them most. The tour will highlight its community-focused approach and commitment to improving health access throughout Guam.
520 Santa Monica Avenue, Dededo, Guam 96929	Northern Regional Community Health Center Visit the Northern Region Community Health Center in Dededo to learn how Guam delivers accessible, community-based health-care to residents in the island’s northern region. The tour will highlight the center’s services, facilities, and role in supporting community health and strengthening Guam’s healthcare system.
162 Apman Drive, Inalåhan (Inarajan), Guam 96917	Southern Regional Community Health Center Visit the Southern Region Community Health Center in Inarajan to learn how Guam provides accessible, community-based health-care to residents in the southern region. The scenic drive from northern Guam to the south offers a glimpse of the island’s lush landscapes, rich Chamoru culture, and pristine beaches, making the journey part of the experience.
3:30 - 4:00 PM	REFRESHMENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

TIME	SESSION
7:30 - 8:30 AM	BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION

Professional Development Tracks

8:30 - 4:00 PM		
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Magellan + San Vitores	Program Managers	SEE PAGE 11

The tracks were designed to promote practical learning, collaboration, and exchange across the Pacific, the breakout sessions offer focused tracks for laboratory professionals, program managers, nurses and outreach staff, and clinicians.

The sessions will combine technical updates, case-based discussions, hands-on learning, and jurisdiction experiences addressing the day-to-day challenges of TB prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and program implementation.

The joint sessions will also bring disciplines together to share lessons, strengthen coordination, and identify practical

4:00 - 6:00 PM

GUAM'S WORLD WAR II HISTORY - VR EXPERIENCE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

TIME	SESSION
8:30 - 4:00 PM Grand Ballroom A	Laboratory MODERATORS: Angela Starks, PhD, MHA & Tori Enomoto

8:30 - 8:35	Welcome	Angela Starks, PhD, MHA & Tori Enomoto
8:35 - 9:00	PIHOA Updates	Vasiti Uluiviti, PhD, M(ASCP) CM, MMSc
9:00 - 9:30	DLS Updates & Trending Data	Tori Enomoto
9:30 - 10:00	TB Lab Assessments: Safety Programs and Risk Assessments	Vasiti Uluiviti, PhD, M(ASCP) CM, MMSc & Morisang Teriong
10:00 - 10:15	BREAK	
10:15 - 11:30	Beyond the Paperwork: The Importance of Corrective Actions for PT Events	Tori Enomoto
11:30 - 12:00	Quality Indicator Score Cards for Quality Improvement	Angela Starks, PhD, MHA

12:00 - 1:00 PM	LUNCH BUFFET
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1:00 - 1:30	Conducting Management Reviews: Strengthening TB Testing	Daisy Phal & Angela Starks, PHD, MHA
1:30 - 2:00	Use of and Potential Enhancements to Electronic TB Register	Lea Nisay
2:00 - 2:30 Grand Ballroom B + C	JOINT SESSION NURSING & CLINICAL TB Disease & Importance of Laboratory Testing	Angela Starks, PhD, MHA & Chris Lowbridge, DrPH, MPH
2:30 - 2:45	BREAK	
2:45 - 4:00 Grand Ballroom B + C	JOINT SESSION NURSING Specimen Labeling & Requisition Requirements	Vasiti Uluiviti, PhD, M(ASCP) CM, MMSc & Tori Enomoto

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

TIME	SESSION	
8:30 - 4:00 PM Grand Ballroom B + C	Nursing & Outreach MODERATORS: Amanda Christensen, RN & Chris Lowbridge, DrPH, MPH	
8:30 - 8:40	Welcome	Amanda Christensen, RN & Chris Lowbridge, DrPH, MPH
8:40 - 9:20	TB 101	Amanda Christensen, RN
9:20 - 10:00	TB Meds: A Nurse Overview	Cherie Stafford, MSN, MPH, RN
10:00 - 10:15	BREAK	
10:15 - 10:50	Nurses/CHOWs Roles in Collecting Quality Specimen for the Diagnosis and Management of People with TB	Amanda Christensen, RN
10:50 - 11:25	Nutrition & It's Impact on TB: The Nursing Perspective	Cherie Stafford, MSN, MPH, RN
11:25 - 12:00	Overview of Extra Pulmonary TB	Chris Lowbridge, DrPH, MPH

12:00 - 1:00 PM

LUNCH BUFFET

1:00 - 1:20	Beyond the Bedside: My Journey and Experience as a TB Nurse	Shamarte Evagelia, RN
1:20 - 2:00 Grand Ballroom B + C	JOINT SESSION CLINICAL A Nurses Perspective on Active Case Finding - The Experience from Kiribati	Mareta Hauma, RN & Kerrie Shaw
2:00 - 2:30 Grand Ballroom B + C	JOINT SESSION LAB & CLINICAL TB Disease & Importance of Laboratory Testing	Angela Starks, PhD, MHA & Chris Lowbridge, DrPH, MPH
2:30 - 2:45	BREAK	
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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8:30 - 4:00 PM Santa Rita	Clinical MODERATORS: Richard Brostrom, MD, MSPH & Lisa Chen, MD	
8:30 - 8:35	Welcome	Richard Brostrom, MD, MSPH & Lisa Chen, MD
8:35 - 9:30	NTM in Asian Pacific Region	Jann-Yuan Wang, MD, PhD
9:30 - 10:00	Unmasking GI TB: Guam Cases	Michele Yamamoto, MD
10:00 - 10:15	BREAK	
10:15 - 11:25	Walking Through MDR Twists and Turns: Guam MDR Cases	Tess Manalo, RN, BSN, Lisa Chen, MD, and Angela Starks, PhD, MHA
11:25 - 12:00	Post TB Lung Disease Epi & Research	Jonathan Golub, PhD, MPH
12:00 - 1:00 PM	LUNCH BUFFET	
1:00 - 1:20	Kiribati 2000-2025 TB Case Notification Review - TB Control Trajectory	Ben Marais, MBChB, MMed, MRCP, FRACP, PhD
1:20 - 2:00 Grand Ballroom B + C	JOINT SESSION NURSING A Nurses Perspective on Active Case Finding - The Experience from Kiribati	Mareta Hauma, RN & Kerrie Shaw
2:00 - 2:30 Grand Ballroom B + C	JOINT SESSION LAB & NURSING TB Disease & Importance of Laboratory Testing	Chris Lowbridge, DrPH, MPH & Angela Starks, PhD, MHA
2:30 - 2:45	BREAK	
2:45 - 3:15	Cases: Ebeye	Joaquin Nasa, MD
3:15 - 3:45	Cases: Saipan	Andrzej Szefler, MD
Q&A Sundari Mase, MD, MPH		

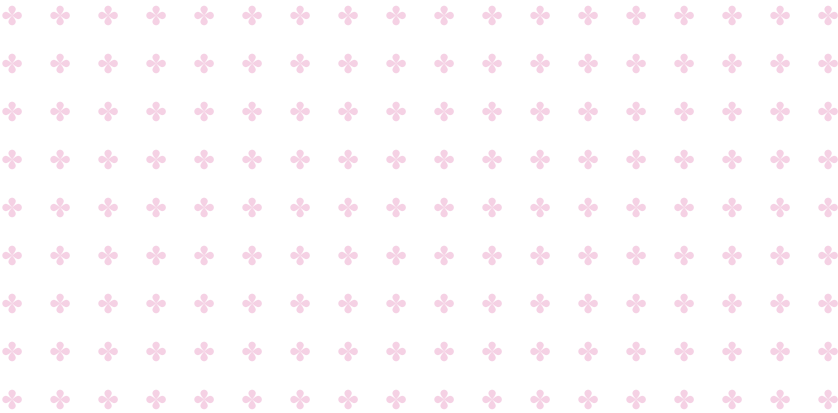
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

TIME	SESSION	
8:30 - 4:00 PM Magellan + San Vitores	Program Managers MODERATOR: Derrick Felix, MPH	
8:30 - 8:35	Welcome	Derrick Felix, MPH
9:00 - 10:00	TB & Diabetes: Charting Progress & the Road Ahead	Mercedes Gilmete, Connie Olikong, and Chima Mbakwem, MSHS, PGCFE
10:00 - 10:15	BREAK	
10:15 - 12:00	Grow and Fertilize Your TB Phylogenetic Trees Using GrapeTree	Derrick Felix, MPH

12:00 - 1:00 PM

LUNCH BUFFET

1:00 - 2:00	Asking the Right Questions: Evaluating ARPE CI & TT Data	Smita Ghosh, DrPH, MS
2:00 - 2:30	Ready, Respond, Recover: Typhoon Preparedness and Post-Event Efforts	Marlyn Finik, Evonne Sablan, MPA, and Alice Cuenca
2:30 - 2:45	BREAK	
2:45 - 4:00	NTSS Power BI Bootcamp	Derrick Felix, MPH



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Plenary

TIME	SESSION	
7:00 - 8:00 AM	BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION	
8:00 - 8:10 AM	WELCOME COMMENTS: Chima Mbakwem, MSHS, PGCFE	
8:10 - 8:25 AM	OPENING REMARKS SPECIAL COMMENTS: Governor Lourdes Aflague “Lou” Leon Guerrero & Liutenant Governor Joshua “Josh” Franquez Tenorio	
8:25 - 9:55 AM	Session 1: Global & Pacific Island Overview MODERATORS: Chima Mbakwem, MSHS, PGCFE & Terence Chorba, MD, DSc	
8:25 - 9:15	KEYNOTE ADDRESS High-level View of Global TB Activities & Concerns	Guy Marks, MBBS, PhD, FRACP, FAFPHM, GAICD
9:15 - 9:35	USAPI TB Care: Past, Present, and Future	Richard Brostrom, MD, MSPH
9:35 - 9:45	TB Survivor Experience	
Q&A		
9:55 - 10:10 AM	BREAK	
10:10 - 11:20 AM	Session 2: Jurisdiction Updates I MODERATORS: Connie Olikong & Derrick Felix, MPH	
10:10 - 10:30	Guam	Chima Mbakwem, MSHS, PGCFE
10:30 - 10:50	American Samoa	
10:50 - 11:10	Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands	Evonne Sablan, MPA
Q&A		

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Plenary

TIME	SESSION	
11:20 - 1:00 PM	LUNCH BUFFET	
11:40 - 12:40 PM	NO CME/CEs PROVIDED OPTIONAL WORKING LUNCH NTCA Webinar - TB Vaccines Pipeline PRESENTER: Mike Frick, MSc	
1:00 - 3:00 PM	Session 3: Clinical TB & Programmatic Hot Topics MODERATORS: Genesis Manglona, Andrejz Szefer, MD, and Janice Louie, MD, MPH	
1:00 - 1:30	What's New in Pediatric TB?	Ben Marais, MBChB, MMed, MRCP, FRACP, PhD
1:30 - 2:00	TB and Lung Cancer	Michael Agustin, MD, FACP FCCP, FAPSR
2:00 - 2:20	Tracing the Tide: Aggregated TB Contact Investigation Findings from the US-Affiliated Pacific Islands	Smita Ghosh, DrPH, MS
2:20 - 2:50	TB Travel Restrictions for Commercial Air and Maritime Travel	Rhonda Nembhard, MSN, Sundari Mase, MD, MPH, and Alida Gertz, MD, DrPH
Q&A		



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Plenary

TIME	SESSION
3:00 - 3:30 PM	POSTER VIEWING: MEET THE AUTHORS
3:30 - 4:00 PM	Session 4: Poster Presentations MODERATOR: Derrick Felix, MPH
3:35 - 3:40	Sustaining Low Tuberculosis Burden Through Annual Targeted Population Screening and Community Outreach in American Samoa Shamarte Evagelia, RN
3:40 - 3:45	The Dual Burden of Tuberculosis and Diabetes Mellitus on Guam: Prevalence of Mono-Resistant and Multidrug-Resistant Tuberculosis Among Individuals with Diabetes Juan Santiago, MPH
3:45 - 3:50	END TB: Expanding Notification and Detection of Tuberculosis through Active Case Finding and the Optimization of Innovative Technologies: The Philippine Tuberculosis Society, Inc. Experience Paulyn Jean Rosell-Ubial, MD, MPH
Q&A	

“The abstracts presented at this year’s conference reflect both the complexity of tuberculosis control in the Pacific and the extraordinary commitment of the people doing this work. What stands out is the breadth of innovation—from strengthening laboratory quality and diagnostic practices to improving community-based screening, managing travel-related risks, and addressing the intersection of TB with other chronic conditions. Together, these presentations remind us that progress toward TB elimination is built not through a single intervention, but through strong systems, partnerships, and sustained commitment to the communities we serve.” —Derrick Felix, CDC Project Officer

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Plenary

TIME	SESSION	
7:15 - 8:15 AM	BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION	
8:15 - 8:20 AM	WELCOME	
	COMMENTS: Chima Mbakwem, MSHS, PGCFE & Terence Chorba, MD, DSc	
8:20 - 8:35 AM	Updates from Atlanta	
	PRESENTER: Terence Chorba, MD, DSc	
8:35 - 9:45 AM	Session 5: Jurisdiction Updates II	
	MODERATOR: Amanda Christensen, RN	
8:35 - 8:55	Federated States of Micronesia	Senolyn Rettin-Syne & Mercedes Gilmete
8:55 - 9:15	Republic of the Marshall Islands	Risa Bukbuk, RN
9:15 - 9:35	Republic of Palau	Connie Olikong
Q&A		
9:45 - 10:00 AM	BREAK	
10:00 - 11:55 AM	Session 6: Special Topics in TB Care	
	MODERATORS: Michele Yamamoto, MD & Lisa Chen, MD	
10:00 - 10:40	TB Inflammatory Response	David Ashkin, MD, FCCP
10:40 - 11:10	No Island Left Behind: TB Management in the Age of HIV, Biologics, and Transplants	Janice Louie, MD, MPH
11:10 - 11:40	Syndemic Approaches in the Pacific	Monica Hahn, MD, MPH, MS
Q&A		



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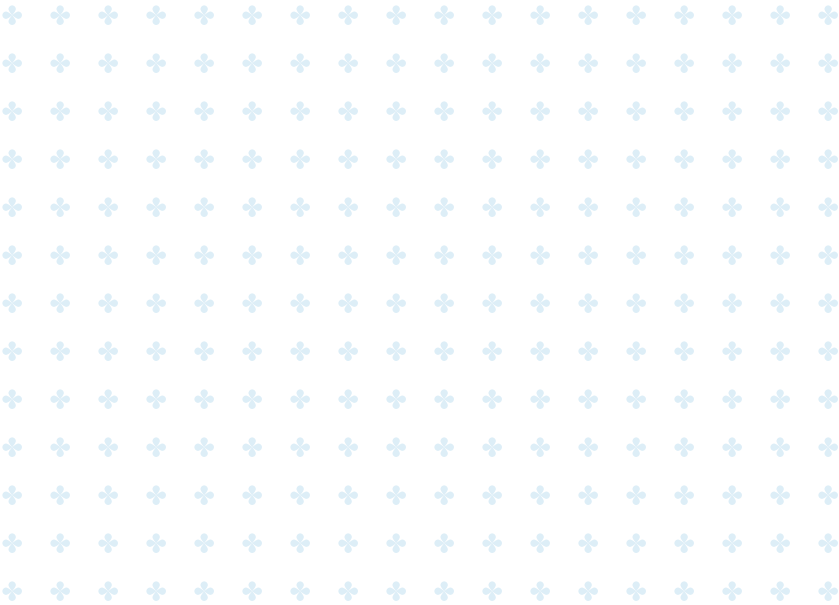
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11:55 - 1:30 PM	LUNCH BUFFET
12:30 - 1:00 PM	NO CME/CEs PROVIDED OPTIONAL WORKING LUNCH Are We Ready for a TB Vaccine Rollout? Serum Institute of India MODERATOR: Richard Brostrom, MD, MSPH
1:30 - 2:55 PM	Session 7: Laboratory Spotlight MODERATORS: Vasiti Uluiviti, PhD, M(ASCP)CM, & Angela Starks, PhD, MHA
1:30 - 2:15	WHO New Policy Recommendations for TB Diagnosis Testing Vasiti Uluiviti, PhD, M(ASCP)CM, MMSc
2:15 - 2:45	Understanding TB Test Results and Clinical Case Scenarios Lea Nisay
	Q&A
2:55 - 3:10 PM	BREAK
3:10 - 4:05 PM	Session 8: TB Treatment: Essential Pieces of the Puzzle MODERATORS: Tess Manalo, RN, BSN & Chris Lowbridge, DrPH, MPH
3:10 - 3:30	REPORT: Access to TB Drugs & Global Drug Facility Initiatives Donna Wegener, MA
3:30 - 3:55	Nutrition: Part of a Successful TB Regimen Cherie Stafford, MSN, MPH, RN
	Q&A
4:05 - 4:10 PM	WEEKEND CLOSING REMARKS COMMENTS: Chima Mbakwem, MSHS, PGCFE
5:00 - 9:00 PM	TUMON NIGHT MARKET

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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7:30 - 8:30 AM	BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

TIME	SESSION	
8:30 - 12:00 PM	Laboratory	
Grand Ballroom A	MODERATORS: Angela Starks, PhD, MHA & Tori Enomoto	
8:30 - 9:00	Training New Staff	Lea Nisay
9:00 - 9:30	LIMS Implementation	Martin Adams, MSc
9:30 - 10:00	Implementation of Quality Management for TB Lab Services at the Pohnpei Hospital Laboratory	Pelinda Edwin
Q&A		

10:15 - 10:30 AM	BREAK
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10:30 - 11:00	TB Laboratory Services at the CHCC Lab, CNMI: Challenges and Best Practices for Sustaining Improved Quality Services	Chris Boone, MS
11:00 - 11:30	Considerations for Conducting Test Validation	Maria Marfel
11:30 - 11:55	Topics for USAPI Regional TB Lab Calls & PITCA 2027	Vasiti Uluiviti, PhD, M(ASCP) CM, MMSc & Tori Enomoto
Wrap Up		



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

TIME	SESSION
8:30 - 12:00 PM Grand Ballroom B + C	Nursing & Outreach MODERATOR: Amanda Chirstensen, RN & Chris Lowbridge, DrPH, MPH

8:30 - 9:15 Grand Ballroom B + C	JOINT SESSION PROGRAM MANAGERS USAPI Perspectives on Implementating NTCA Guidelines for Respiratory Isolationa & Restrictions Amanda Christensen, RN & Derrick Felix, MPH
9:15 - 9:45	Working with Community Based Organizations in TB Elimination Activities Ashley Calvo-Rodriguez
9:45 - 10:15	Working with the Community to Develop Culturarly Appropriate IEC Materials Chris Lowbridge, DrPH, MPH

10:15 - 10:30 AM	BREAK
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10:30 - 10:50	2024 MDR TB Outbreak in Guam: Challenges, Achievments, and Lessons Learned Tess Manalo, RN, BSN & Juan Santiago, MPH
10:50 - 11:10	TB Program Success Stories Cheryl Saturno & Genesis Manglona
11:10 - 11:55	Overview of Pediatric TB - Why TB Nurse Can Provide TPT to Young Household Contacts Ben Marais, MBChB, MMed, MRCP, FRACP, PhD
Wrap Up	



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

TIME	SESSION	
8:30 - 12:00 PM Santa Rita	Clinical MODERATORS: Richard Brostrom, MD, MSPH & Lisa Chen, MD	
8:30 - 9:00	Cases: American Samoa	Ronald Yip, MBBS
9:00 - 9:30	Cases: FSM	Eliaser Johnson, MD
9:30 - 10:00	Cases: Kiribati + Pediatric	Ben Marais, MBChB, MMed, MRCP, FRACP, PhD & Elizabeth Hernandez, MD, FAAP
Q&A		

10:15 - 10:30 AM	BREAK
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10:30 - 11:30 Magellan + San Vitores	JOINT SESSION PROGRAM MANAGERS Understanding Your Own Drug Procurement Process/Challenges	Richard Brostrom, MD, MSPH, Lisa Chen, MD, and Derrick Felix, MPH
11:30 - 11:55	Topics for PITCA 2027	Richard Brostrom, MD, MSPH & Lisa Chen, MD
Wrap Up		



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

TIME	SESSION
8:30 - 12:00 PM Magellan + San Vitores	Program Managers MODERATOR: Derrick Felix, MPH

8:30 - 9:15 Grand Ballroom B + C	JOINT SESSION NURSING USAPI Perspectives on Implementating NTCA Guidelines for Respiratory Isolationa & Restrictions	Amanda Christensen, RN & Derrick Felix, MPH
9:15 - 9:45	Ocean of Oppurtunity: National TB Conference Report Back & USAPI Special Interest Group	Chima Mbakwem, MSHS, PGCFE & Donna Wegener, MA
9:45 - 10:15	From the Manager's Desk: Lessons Learned from Correctional TB Cases & Contact Investigations	Connie Olikong & Kyra Yaoch

10:15 - 10:30 AM	BREAK
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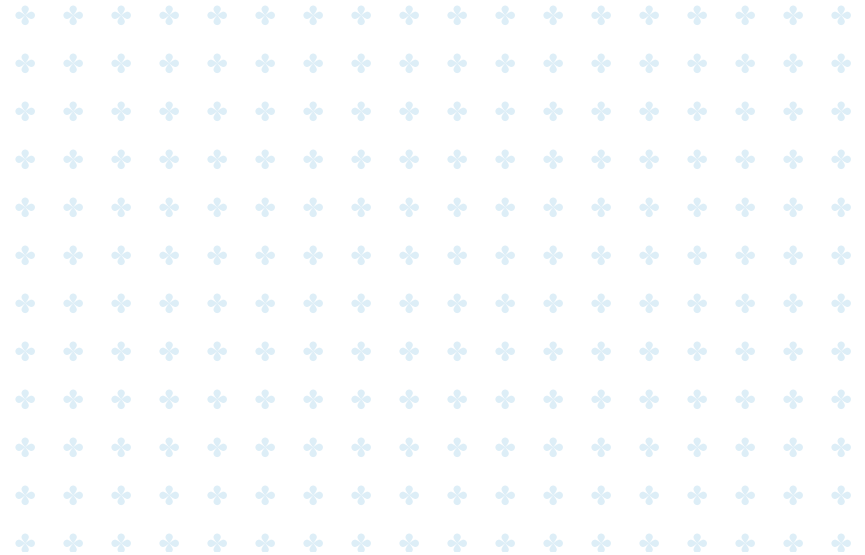
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Plenary

TIME	SESSION	
1:00 - 2:05 PM	Session 9: TB Prevention	
	MODERATORS: Risa Bukbuk, RN & Kelly Musoke, MPH	
	1:00 - 1:25	Impacts of Large-Scale TB Screenings
		Richard Brostrom, MD, MSPH
1:25 - 1:50	Kiribati PEARL Project: Progress to Date	
		Ben Marais, MBChB, MMed, MRCP, FRACP, PhD
Q&A		
2:05 - 2:20 PM	BREAK	
2:20 - 2:25 PM	CLOSING CEREMONY	
	2027 PITCA Conference Annoucement	
2:25 - 2:30 PM	COMMENTS: Chima Mbakwem, MSHS, PGCFE & Derrick Felix, MPH	
	CLOSING REMARKS	
6:00 - 9:00 PM	COMMENTS: Chima Mbakwem, MSHS, PGCFE & Derrick Felix, MPH	
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Continuing Education at the 2026 PITCA Conference

The Curry International Tuberculosis Center is providing continuing education (CE) credit for physicians and nurses. The 2026 PITCA Conference includes three CEU-accredited segments.

1. Thursday & Friday - September 10th & 11th
2. Saturday & Sunday - September 12th & 13th
3. Monday, September 14th

Participants **must attend the entire segment, sign-in daily, and complete each evaluation to receive credit.**

PLEASE NOTE: *Prorated credit for partial attendance **WILL NOT be offered.** You must attend the entirety of each segment and turn in your required materials to be awarded your continuing education units.*

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Thursday & Friday, September 10th & 11th

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). The Curry International Tuberculosis Center is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. This training is approved for up to 7.25 continuing education hours.

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Saturday & Sunday, September 12th & 13th

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). The Curry International Tuberculosis Center is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. This training is approved for up to 10.50 continuing education hours.

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Monday, September 14th

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