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Philadelphia, USA

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026

#### Postgraduate Courses:

##### **Updates in Nontuberculous Mycobacteria (NTM) -Ballroom I & II**

Chairs: Dr. Sarah Brode and Dr. Max Salfinger

9:00–12:00 pm

9:00-9:30      **Laboratory Approaches to Identification of NTM and Approach to NTM Outbreaks**

*Dr. Adrian Zelazny, NIH Clinical Centre, Bethesda, MD, USA*

9:30-10:00      **NTM Epidemiology and the Environment**

*Dr. Theodore Marras, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Can*

10:00-10:30      **BREAK**

10:30-11:00      **Management of *Mycobacterium avium* complex and *Mycobacterium abscessus***

*Pamela McShane, National Health Institute, Bethesda, MD, USA*

11:00-11:30      **New and Emerging NTM Therapies**

*Dr. Charles Daley, National Jewish Health, Denver, CO, USA*

11:30-12:00      **Panel questions and discussion**

##### **Practical Tools and Approaches for Conducting TB Contact Investigations -Ballroom I & II**

Chairs: Ms. Anita Khilall and Mr. Derrick Felix

1:00-4:00 pm

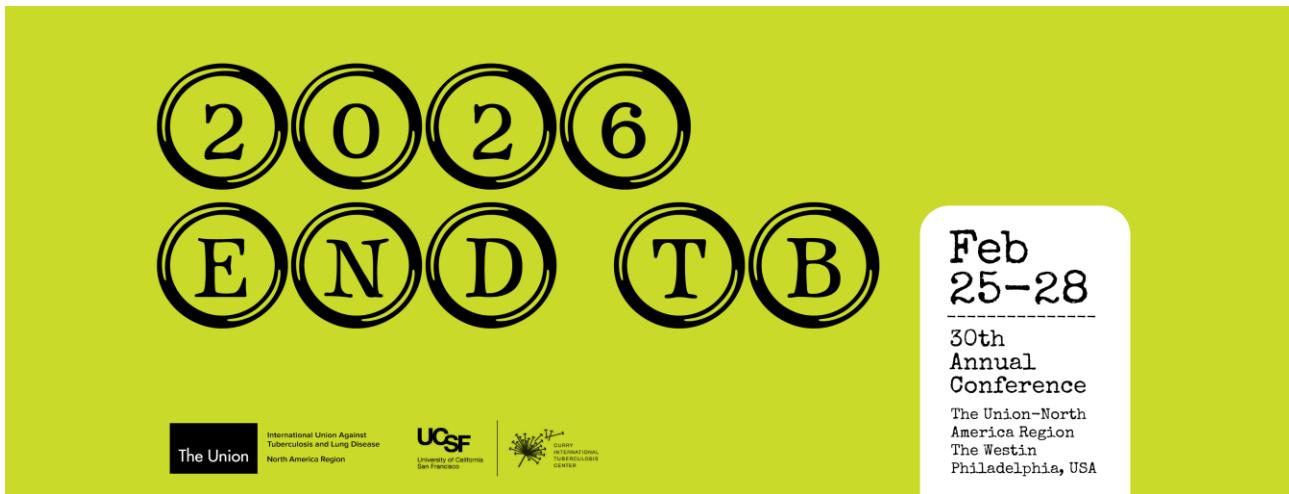
1:00-1:05      **Introduction**

1:05-1:35      **TB Outbreak in Long Term Care Setting**

*Ms. Amy Painter, South Carolina Dept. of Public Health, Columbia, SC, USA*

1:35-2:05      **Source Case Investigation in a Daycare**

*Ms. Kristin Bertrang, Nebraska Dept. of Health and Human Services, Lincoln, NB, USA*



2:05-2:20      **BREAK**

2:20-2:50      **Contact Investigations in the Setting of Multiple Households and the Importance of Community Partnership**

*Mr. Dayson Marar, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Topeka, KS, USA*

*Ms. Dawn Tuckey, Global Tuberculosis Institute, Newark, NJ, USA*

2:50-3:20      **Genotyping and Epidemiologic Linkages in Contact Investigation**

*Ms. Camille Dollinger, California Department of Public Health, Bay Area, CA, USA*

3:20-3:50      **Panel questions and discussion**

**TB Survivors' Meeting**

1:00–4:00 pm

**TB Research Advancement Centers (TRACs) and Early Career Investigator's Workshop -Ballroom I & II**

Chair: Dr. Jonathan Golub

5:00–8:00 pm

5:00-8:00: In person workshop for junior investigators to present research and engage with senior researchers.

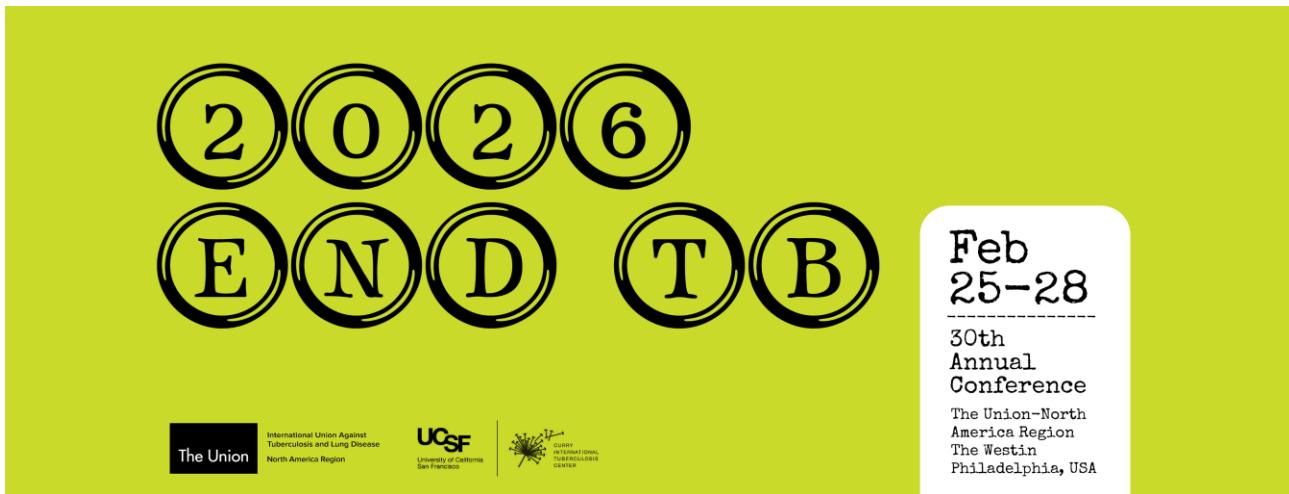
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026

**Welcome/Opening of the Conference -Ballroom I & II**

**Revisiting TB Elimination Efforts in the Era of AI and Drug Resistance.**

Dr. Carole Mitnick, *Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, USA*

9:00–9:50 am



### Session 1: Stop TB Session

#### Global Political and Financial Shifts: Impact on TB Communities and a Collective Action Response

Chairs: Dr. Elizabeth Rea and Dr. Cynthia Tschampl

10:00–11:50 am

10:00-10:05 **Introduction**

*Dr. Elizabeth Rea, Toronto Public Health, Toronto, ON*

10:05-10:20 **TB Impact Tracker: Translating Modelling into Action for Policy and Advocacy**

*Dr. Brooke Nichols, HE2RO, South Africa/USA*

10:20-10:35 **Reprioritization and Efficiencies: The Global Fund Perspective on TB Programs**

*Dr. Mohammed Yassin, Global Fund (virtual)*

10:35-11:00 **The TB Community Coordination Hub: Building Collective Action in Crisis**

*Dr. Robyn Waite, Community Coordination Hub, Canada*

**TB Lives Disrupted: The Human Cost of Interrupted Support in Ukraine**

*Ms. Olya Klymenko (Ukraine) virtual*

11:00-11:15 **Programmatic Resilience and Vulnerability: Lessons from South Africa**

*Dr. Norbert Ndjeka, South Africa, National TB Program (virtual), Pretoria, South Africa*

11:15-11:25 **Oral Abstract Presentation #1 - Updated Estimates of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Mtb) Infection Prevalence in the United States to Guide Tuberculosis (TB) Prevention Efforts**

*Ms. Jessica Rothman, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA*

11:25-11:50 **Panel Discussion**

*Dr. Cynthia A. Tschampl, Moderator*

NON-CME/ Industry Sponsored Satellite Symposium-Euroimmun/Lunch

### Poster Session 1 – Ballroom III

Chair: Dr. Karen Jacobson



1:00–1:50 pm

### Session 2: Setting The Table: TB and Nutrition

Chairs: Dr. Elizabeth Rea, Dr. Pranay Sinha, and Ms. Anita Khilall

2:00–4:50 pm

2:00–2:05	<b>Introduction</b>
2:05–2:35	<b>Science/ Biology of TB and Nutrition</b> <i>Dr. Peter Cegielski, Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, Atlanta, GA, USA</i>
2:35–3:05	<b>TB and Nutrition Roadmap</b> <i>Dr. Pranay Sinha, Boston University Chobanian &amp; Avedisian School of Medicine, Boston, MA, USA</i>
3:05–3:20	<b>BREAK</b>
3:20–3:40	<b>Cultural and Relationship Aspects of Food in TB Nursing Care</b> <i>Ms. Krystin McDermott, Boston Public Health Commission, Boston, MA, USA</i>
3:40–3:55	<b>Patient Perspective</b>
3:55–4:05	<b>Oral Abstract Présentation#2 - Nutrition Support Modulates TB Antigen-Stimulated Cytokine Responses in Undernourished Household Contacts in India</b> <i>Ms. Lindsey Locks, Boston University, Boston, MA, USA</i>
4:05–4:30	<b>Q/A</b>

### Awards Ceremony

Chairs: Dr. Lisa Chen and Dr. Jonathan Golub

5:00–6:00 pm

### Stop TB Meeting USA -Georgia Room

Chairs: Dr. Cynthia Tschampl

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## Stop TB Meeting Canada

Chair: Dr. Elizabeth Rea

6:00-7:00 pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

### Session 3: Early Career Investigators Session – Ballroom I & II

**Challenges and Opportunities in Preventing and Caring for Tuberculosis Among Immigrant Populations.**

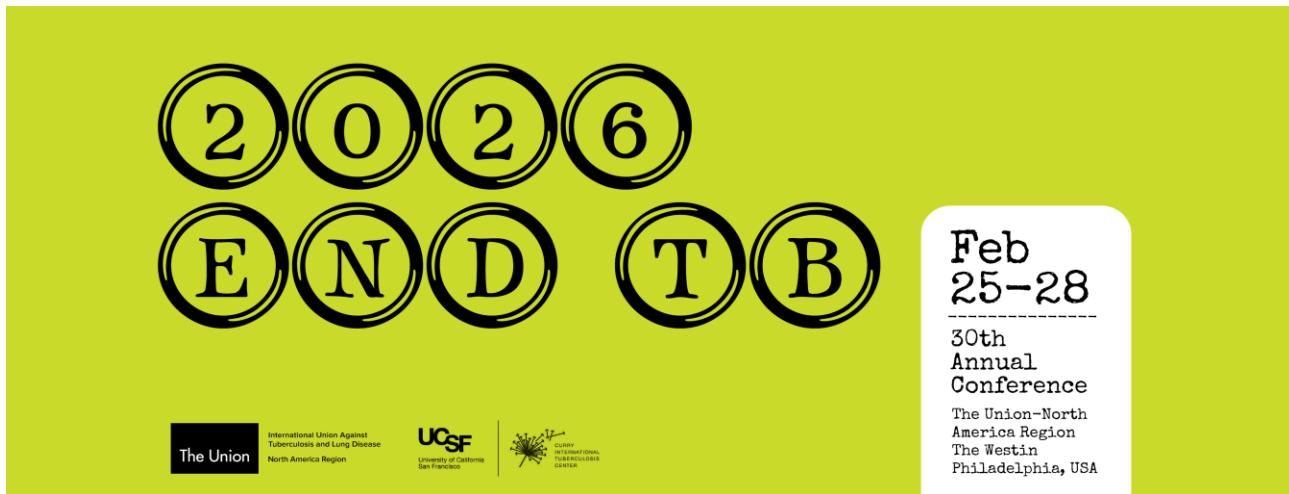
Chairs: Dr. Jonathon Campbell, and Dr. Simon Grandjean Lapierre

8:00–10:50 am

8:00–8:10	<b>Introduction</b>
8:10–8:20	<b>TB Patient Perspective-</b> Mr. Khalid Hasan
8:20–8:45	<b>Meeting People Where They Are: Community TB Screening, with Youth Focus</b> <i>Dr. Meredith Brooks, Boston School of Public Health, Boston, MA, USA</i>
8:45–9:05	<b>Challenges and Opportunities Created by Preimmigration IGRA Testing</b> <i>Dr. Pennan Barry, California Department of Public Health, San Francisco, CA, USA</i>
9:05–9:25	<b>BREAK</b>
9:20–9:40	<b>Challenges of Dealing with the Spectrum of Immigrant TB in British Columbia</b> <i>Dr. James Johnson, BC Centre for Disease Control, Vancouver, BC, Canada</i>
9:40–0:00	<b>Gaps and Bridges: Enhancing the TB Care Cascade in New York City</b> <i>Dr. Jean Sullivan-Meissner, New York City Department of Health &amp; Mental Hygiene, Long Island City, NY, USA</i>
10:00-10:30	<b>Oral Abstract Presentation #3 - Program Implementation of One-Month Isoniazid-Rifapentine Regimen for the Treatment of Tuberculosis Infection in New York City</b> <i>Ms. Grace Gao, NYC DOHMH, Long Island, NY, USA</i>
10:30-10:50	<b>Panel Discussion</b>

### Beyond TB Lecture:

**Solar Powered Oxygen Delivery to Address Oxygen Insecurity in Uganda**



*Dr. Michael Hawkes, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Can.*

11:00–11:50 am

**Non-CME-Industry Sponsored Satellite Symposium/Lunch - Qiagen**

12:00–1:00 pm

**Poster Session 2 – Ballroom III**

Chair: Dr. Karen Jacobson

1:00–1:50 am

**Challenging Clinical Cases: Session 1**

Chairs: Dr. Tori Cook, Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, Dr. Alfred Lardizabal

2:00 – 3:20 pm

**Session 4: When RIPE Becomes Rotten: Taking Side Effects Seriously**

Chairs: Dr. Bill Burman, Dr. Dick Menzies, and Dr. Mayara Bastos

3:30 – 5:50

3:30 – 3:35 **Introduction**

3:35 – 3:45 **Side -effects: Patient Perspective – Ms. Iyan Nour**

3:45 – 4:00 **How Often, When and How Bad? The Epidemiology of Side-effects.**

*Dr. Mayara Bastos, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, Can*

4:00 – 4:15 **What Does it Mean? The Impact of Side-effects on Treatment Outcomes**

*Dr. Bill Burman, DHHA, Denver, CO, USA*

4:15 – 4:30 **BREAK**

4:30 – 4:45 **What Might Make Treatment Easier to Take?**

*Dr. Maria Florencia Martins, Boston University Medical Center, Boston, MA, USA*

4:45 – 5:00 **What Is Next? Towards Evidence-based Guidelines for Side-effect Prevention and Management**



*Dr. Dick Menzies, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada*

5:00 – 5:10 **Oral Abstract Presentation# 4 - What Is "safe and well-tolerated": Critical Review of Triple-dose Rifampin Trials in Tuberculosis Treatment**  
*Dr. Bill Burman, DHHA, Denver, CO, USA*

5:10 – 5:30 **Question and Answer**

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

#### **Challenging Clinical Cases: Session 2 -Ballroom I & II**

Chairs: Dr. Tori Cook, Dr. Elizabeth Talbot and Dr. Alfred Lardizabal  
8:00–9:20 am

#### **Session 5: TB and Public Health Law**

Chairs: *Dr. Ryan Cooper and Dr. Maunank Shah*  
9:30–11:50 am

9:30-9:35 **Introduction**

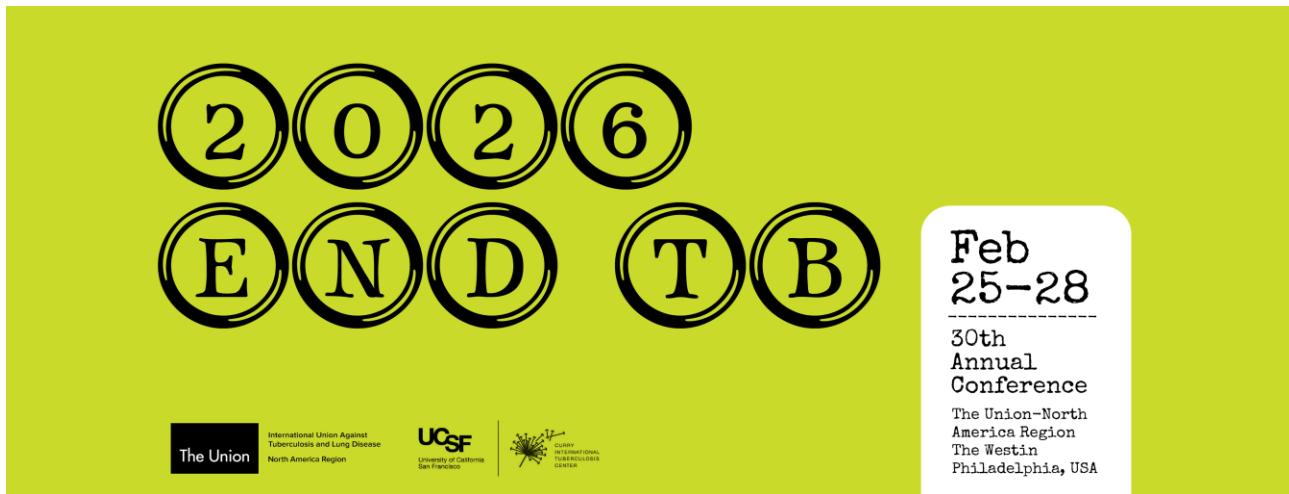
9:35-9:50 **Patient Perspective** – *Ms. Crystal Fevreau*

9:50-10:10 **Ethical Considerations in TB Decision-Making**  
*Dr. Olivia Kates, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA*

10:10-10:30 **Due Process Considerations for Persons with TB**  
*Ms. Ashley Park, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, USA*

10:30-10:40 **BREAK**

10:40-11:00 **Legal Considerations in Approaching Interventions for Infectious Public Health Threats**  
*Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care, Winnipeg, MB, Canada*



11:00-11:10 **Oral Abstract Presentation #5 -Understanding Provider Perspectives on TB Isolation Decision Making in Massachusetts**

*Dr. Amanda Marino, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard University, Boston, MA, USA*

11:50-12:00 **Case Study/Panel Discussion**

**Report from the Union - Ballroom I & II**

Dr. Bess Miller and Dr. Christoph Lange

12:00–1:00 pm

**Annual General Meeting – Ballroom I & II**

Chairs: Dr. James Johnston/Dr. Rachel Dwilow

1:00-1:50 pm

**Post-Conference Meeting -Ballroom III**

Chairs: Dr. Rachel Dwilow and Dr. Karen Jacobson

2:00–3:00 pm