



Patients and TB: Improving treatment outcomes through a patient centered approach and access to new treatment

5th Regional TB Symposium

22/23 March 2016 Courtyard Marriott Hotel , Tbilisi, Georgia

DAY 1: NEW TB TREATMENTS

Registration

8.30 – 9.00

Inaugural session

Introductory welcome speech

09:00 – 9:40

- Dr Valeri Kvaratskhelia, *Deputy Minister of Health, Labour and Social Affairs, Georgia*
- Dr Dimitri Khundadze, *Head of Parliament's Healthcare and Social Issues Committee, Georgia*
- Dr Mario Raviglione, *Head of the Project Stop TB, World Health Organization, Geneva*
- Dr Sylvie Goossens, *Head of mission, Médecins Sans Frontières, Georgia*

Overview of the objectives and presentation of the symposium agenda

09:40 – 9:50

- Dr Valeri Kvaratskhelia, *Deputy Minister of Health, Labour and Social Affairs, Georgia*

Introduction of delegations

09:50 – 10:00

- Dr Zaza Avaliani, *Director of the National Center for Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases, Georgia*

Feedbacks/impacts of the previous TB Symposium

10:00 – 10:15

- Dr Oleksandr Telnov, *TB referent, Médecins Sans Frontières, Operational Center Geneva*

TB Epidemiological situation in Georgia

10:15 – 10:30

- Dr Giorgi Kuchukhidze, *Global Fund TB program monitoring and evaluation officer, National Center for Disease Control , Georgia*

Coffee break 10:30 – 11:00

Session 1: WHO BENEFITS FROM NEW TB TREATMENTS?

Moderator: Dr Cathy Hewison, TB referent, Médecins Sans Frontières, Operational Center Paris & Dr Zaza Avaliani, Director of the National Center for Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases, Georgia

Patient video “I’m just tired of being a TB patient”

11:00 – 11:05

Where are we at with the implementation of new drugs?

11:05 – 11:30

- Dr Fuad Mirzayev, *Medical Officer of Laboratories, Diagnostics & Drug Resistance Unit of the Global TB program, World Health Organization, Geneva*
- Dr Jay Achar, *TB/HIV Programme and Research Implementer, Manson Unit, Médecins Sans Frontières UK*

Funding mechanisms

11:30 – 11:45

- Sharonann Lynch, *HIV & TB Policy Advisor, Médecins Sans Frontières Access Campaign, Geneva*

Access to DRTB drugs: current situation and challenges

11:45 – 12:00

- Sandrine Cloez, *TB pharmacist, Médecins Sans Frontières International, Geneva*

Beyond XDR TB - what other patients could benefit from new drugs?

12:00 – 12h15

- Dr Francis Varaine, *TB working group coordinator & endTB leader, Médecins Sans Frontières, Operational Center Paris*

TB and comorbidities: the example of hepatitis C

12:15 – 12:30

- Dr Krzysztof Herboczek, *TB referent, Médecins Sans Frontières, Operational Center Amsterdam*

Questions to speakers

12:30 – 13:00

Lunch break 13:00 – 14:00

Session 2: NEXT STEPS / BEING UP TO DATE

Moderators: Dr Krzysztof Herboczek, TB referent, Médecins Sans Frontières, Operational Center Amsterdam & Dr Alena Skrahina, Deputy Director of the National TB Program, Belarus

EndTB video

14:00 – 14:05

Short-Course Regimens

14:05 – 14:20

- Dr Jay Achar, *TB referent, Médecins Sans Frontières, Operational Center Amsterdam*

Off label use: Bedaquilline beyond 24 weeks

14:20 – 14:35

- Dr Lorenzo Guglielmetti, *Medical doctor, Bligny Hospital, Paris*

Combination of Bedaquilline and Delamanid: from theory to practice

14:35 – 14:50

- Dr Jennifer Furin, *Lecturer at the Department of Global Health & Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School*

Children under 18 year old with DIm or Bdq

14:50 – 15:10

- Dr Jennifer Furin, *Lecturer at the Department of Global Health & Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School*
- Dr Sylvie Jonckheere, *Project medical referent, Médecins Sans Frontières, India*
- Dr Ia Urtkmelidze, *TB Pediatrician, National Center for Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases (NCTLD), Georgia*
- Dr Alan Adler, *Medical Doctor, Médecins Sans Frontières, Tajikistan*

Clinical trials update

15:10 – 15:30

- Dr Carole Mitnick, *Associate professor at the Department of Global Health & Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School*
- Dr Bern-Thomas Nyang'wa, *Project Manager and Chief Investigator of TB PRACTECAL, Médecins Sans Frontières UK*

Questions to speakers

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee break 16:00 – 16:30

SESSION 3: IMPLEMENTING POLICIES TO IMPROVE PATIENT QUALITY OF CARE

Moderator: Sharonann Lynch, HIV & TB Policy Advisor, Médecins Sans Frontières Access Campaign, Geneva & Nino Mdivani, Public Health and Monitoring & Evaluation Officer, Global Fund, Geneva

Patient video “Hope for new treatments”

16:30 – 16:35

Treatment of TB amongst migrant populations

16:35 – 16:50

- Dr Maira Zhaparkulova, *Medical coordinator of Ministry of Health, Kazakhstan*

WHO policies implementation

16:50 – 17:05

- Dr Grania Brigden, *TB Advisor, Médecins Sans Frontières’ Access Campaign , Geneva*

New WHO guidelines in the pipeline

17:05 – 17:20

- Dr Fuad Mirzayev, *Medical Officer of Laboratories, Diagnostics & Drug Resistance Unit of the Global TB program, World Health Organization, Geneva*

Questions to speakers

17:20 – 17:35

Panel discussion on new treatments:

How have new treatments helped patients and programs, what barriers exist and what additional steps are needed to get more out of the new treatments?

Moderator: Dr Oleksandr Telnov, TB referent, Médecins Sans Frontières, Operational Center Geneva

17:35 – 18:00

- Dr Jennifer Furin, *Lecturer at the Department of Global Health & Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School*
- Dr. Bobodzhon Sharipov, *TB Specialist, Republican Center for TB Prevention and Control, Tajikistan*
- Dr Nana Kiria, *National TB Program, Georgia*
- Dr Alena Skrahina, *Deputy Director of the National TB Program, Belarus*
- Lusine Yeghiazaryan, *National TB Program, Armenia*
- Dr Abdullat Kadyrov, *Director of NTBi, Kyrgyzstan*

Welcome cocktail party 19:00 – 21:00 Tbilisi Marriott Hotel, Rustaveli Avenue 13

DAY 2: PATIENT-CENTERED APPROACH

Wrap-up of day 1

9.00 – 9:10

- Dr Krzysztof Herboczek, *TB referent, Médecins Sans Frontières, Operational Center Amsterdam*

SESSION 4: IMPROVING PATIENTS' EXPERIENCE OF TB TREATMENT

Moderator: Dr Dmytro Donchuk, TB referent, Médecins Sans Frontières, Operational Center Brussels & Nino Lomtadze, Head of surveillance and strategic planning department, National Center for Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases, Georgia

Patient video “Why should these little bacteria kill me”

9:10 – 9:15

Adherence: where there is hope

9:15 – 9:30

- Beverly Collin Stringer, *Health Policy and Research Advisor, Médecins Sans Frontières UK*

Counselling: what role in national programs and how to improve patient support

9:30 – 9:45

- Dr Alena Skrahina, *Deputy Director of the National TB Program, Belarus*

Civil society: practical role in improving TB outcomes and supporting patients and programs

9:45 – 10:15

- Elchin Mukhtarli, *“Saglamliga Khidmat” public union, Azerbaijan*
- Dr Eka Sanikidze, *Director of TB patient Union, Georgia*

Patient association groups: what role in DRTB treatment programs?

10:15 – 10:30

- Zamirbek Boronbaev & Kholdaraly Zakbarov, *TB patient association, Kyrgyzstan*

Questions to speakers

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break 11:00 – 11:30

SESSION 5: IMPROVING PATIENTS' EXPERIENCE OF TB TREATMENT

Moderator: Dr Oleksandr Telnov, TB referent, Médecins Sans Frontières, Operational Center Geneva & Dr Svetlana Setkina, Deputy Head of Republican Pharmacological Laboratory, National TB Program, Belarus

Patient video “relieving the burden of care”

11:30 – 11:35

Ambulatory treatment from day 1

11:35 – 11:50

- Dr Gulzira Nurullaeva, *Medical Doctor, Médecins Sans Frontières, Uzbekistan*

Ambulatory care: how to adapt treatment delivery at home

11:50 – 12:10

- Dr Hakob Atchemyan, *Research assistant, Médecins Sans Frontières, Armenia*
- Video of Imipenem Home-Based infusion

Other approaches to patient delivery models

12:10 – 12:25

- Dr Saghit Bektasov, *Head of Medical Department, National Center for Tuberculosis, Kazakhstan*

Delivery methods for new drugs : Video DOT

12:25 – 12:45

- Dr Naira Khachatryan, *Deputy medical coordinator, Médecins Sans Frontières, Armenia*
- Video on Video DOT

Questions to speakers

12:45 – 13:00

Lunch break 13:00 – 14:00

SESSION 6: DIAGNOSTICS AND MONITORING TO IMPROVE PATIENT QUALITY OF CARE

Moderator: Dr Jay Achar, TB/HIV Programme and Research Implementer, Manson Unit, Médecins Sans Frontières UK & Naira Romanova, head of pharmacovigilance unit, Scientific Centre of Drug and Medical Technology Expertise, Armenia

Patient video “Vardan, MDR patient”

14:00 – 14:05

How will pharmacovigilance (PV) help us manage our patients?

14:05 – 14:20

- Dr Svetlana Setkina, *Deputy Head of Republican Pharmacological Laboratory, National TB Program, Belarus*
- Dr Nino Lomtadze, *Head of surveillance and strategic planning department, National Center for Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases, Georgia*

DST to new drugs, early detection of eligible patients

14:20 – 14:35

- Elisa Ardizzoni, *Mycobacteriologist at Mycobacteriology Unit of Institute of Tropical Medicine of Antwerp, Belgium*

Monitoring of comorbidities: the example of diabetes

14:35 – 14:50

- Dr Animesh Sinha, *Medical Activity Manager, Médecins Sans Frontières, Operational Center Amsterdam*

DS-TB overdiagnosis

14:50 – 15:05

- Dr Asya Dosanova, *Deputy chief physician, Ministry of Health Karakalpakstan, Uzbekistan*

Questions to speakers

15:05 – 15:30

Coffee break 15:30 – 16:00

Panel discussion on patient-centered approach:

What other approaches could improve the patient experience, improve adherence and support to patients and ultimately improve programmatic treatment outcomes?

Moderator: Kenneth Lavelle , Program Manager, Médecins Sans Frontières, Operational Center Geneva

16:00 – 16:30

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- Elchin Mukhtarli, *“Saglamliga Khidmat” public union, Azerbaijan*
- Zamirbek Boronbaev, *TB patient association, Kyrgyzstan*
- Prof. Irina Liverko, *National TB Program, Uzbekistan*
- Maira Zhaparkulova, *National TB Program, Kazakhstan*

Closing Session

Aeras video for world TB day

16:30 – 16:35

Wrap-up of day 2 and take-home messages from the symposium

16:35 – 16:50

- Dr Dmytro Donchuk, *TB referent, Médecins Sans Frontières, Operational Center Brussels*

Closure speech

16:50 – 17:00

- Dr Valeri Kvaratskhelia, *Deputy Minister of Health, Labour and Social Affairs, Georgia*
- Dr Sylvie Goossens, *Head of mission, Médecins Sans Frontières, Georgia*

Distribution of certificates

Departure dinner 19:00 Tsiskvili Restaurant Beliashvili Street, Tbilisi