



**Annual meeting of the Child and Adolescent TB working group
Tuesday 30 November 2021
Session 1: 10:00-12:30 & Session 2: 14:30 – 17:00 CET**

Virtual meeting via Zoom, prior registration required

Registration link: https://who.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJluduqqDopHdJmMg4AuQtAsZrj_tI9YFUj

Purpose of the meeting

The annual meeting of the Child and Adolescent TB working group (hereafter referred to as the working group) will be organized on Tuesday 30 November 2021 as a virtual meeting. The meeting will be divided into two sessions of 2.5 hours each. Each session will be recorded, and the recordings will be made available to working group members afterwards.

The meeting will be open to all members of the working group representing a broad range of stakeholders including paediatricians, national TB programme (NTP) managers and childhood TB focal points in the NTP, maternal and child health (MCH) representatives, technical and financial partners, community TB representatives and World Health Organization (WHO) staff from headquarters, regional and country offices.

The main purpose of the annual meeting is to share new developments and country experiences in scaling up the response to child and adolescent TB and to discuss next steps to move the agenda forward.

More specifically, the objectives are to:

- To provide an update on the activities of the working group since the last annual meeting, held on 16 October 2020 and share plans for next year;
- To review progress towards the United Nations General Assembly high-level meeting (UNGA HLM TB) targets for TB in children including the impact of COVID-19 on TB prevention and case detection among children and adolescents and provide an update on recent WHO policy developments on the management of TB in children and adolescents;
- To share the findings of the reviews that were commissioned to answer the background questions for the WHO guidelines on the management of TB in children and adolescents, on the socio-economic impact of TB on children and adolescents as well as on the engagement of adolescents in TB care; and,
- To share the findings of the reviews that were commissioned to answer the PICO (Population Intervention Control Outcome) questions for the WHO consolidated guidelines on the management of TB in children and adolescents related to diagnostic approaches, shortened treatment of drug-susceptible TB in children with non-severe disease, the treatment of drug-resistant TB, the treatment of drug-susceptible TB meningitis as well as to models of care.

AGENDA: Annual meeting of the Child and Adolescent working group: Tuesday 30 November

Session, content and timing		Presenter(s)
Session 1		10:00 – 12:30 CET
Session 1a: Opening, objectives and update from working group chairs and Secretariat		
Chair: Kerri Viney, WHO GTB		
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome and opening address on behalf of the Director of the WHO Global Tuberculosis Programme	Farai Mavhunga, Head, TB Vulnerable Populations, Communities and Comorbidities Unit, WHO Global Tuberculosis Programme
	Objectives of the meeting	Kerri Viney, WHO GTB and Secretariat CAWG
10:10 – 10:30	Report from the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Child and Adolescent TB working group	Farhana Amanullah, Chair, CAWG
10:30 – 10:50	WHO updates: latest epidemiological data on TB in children and adolescents & development of new guidelines and operational handbook on the management of TB in children and adolescents	Annemieke Brands and Sabine Verkuijl, WHO GTB
10:50 - 11:00	Questions & answers and discussion	All (facilitated by Farhana Amanullah and Ben Marais)
Session 1b: Findings from reviews on background questions carried out for the WHO guidelines on the management of TB in children and adolescents, and an additional qualitative evidence synthesis		
Chairs: Steve Graham and Farhana Amanullah		
11:00 – 11:15	Analysis of Patient Cost Surveys	Nobuyuki Nishikiori (presenter) & Kerri Viney
11:15 – 11:30	The socio-economic impact of TB on children, adolescents and their families: main findings from the literature review	Salla Atkins and Delia Boccia
11:30 – 11:45	Optimizing care for adolescents with TB infection or disease: main findings from the literature review and best practices	Silvia Chiang (presenter), Patricia Moscibrodzki, Leslie Enane
11:45 – 12:00	Discussants – community perspectives/views on optimizing care for adolescents with TB infection or disease; the socio-economic impact of TB on children, adolescents and their families; and on active case finding for tuberculosis.	Amir Khan and Blessi Kumar, WHO Civil Society Task Force
12:00 – 12:30	Questions & answers and discussion	All
12:30 – 14:30 Break		

Session 2		14:30 – 17:00 CET
Session 2a: TB diagnostic approaches in children: findings from reviews carried out for the WHO consolidated guidelines on the management of TB in children and adolescents Chairs: Moorine Sekadde and Lisa Obimbo (tbc)		
14:30 – 14:45	Treatment decision algorithms for childhood pulmonary TB: Review of individual Patient data (IPD)	Kenneth Gunasekera (presenter) and James Seddon
14:45 – 15:00	Evidence from the systematic review on diagnostic approaches in children using Xpert Ultra in stool and gastric aspirate	Alexander Kay (presenter), Karen Steingart, Yemisi Takwoingi, and Tara Ness
15:00 – 15:15	Diagnosing TB in children: implementation considerations from a programmatic perspective	Discussants: Grace Bolie (DRC) and Moorine Sekadde (Uganda)
Session 2b: Treatment of drug-susceptible TB, drug-resistant TB and drug-susceptible TB Meningitis: evidence taken into consideration by the WHO GDG on the management of TB in children and adolescents Chairs: Lindsay McKenna and Brittany Moore		
15:15 – 15:35	Updates from the SHINE trial	Anna Turkova (presenter) and Di Gibb
15:35 – 15:55	Results from the systematic review and individual patient data meta-analysis of children and adolescents 0-19 years of age treated for RR/MDR-TB	Anthony Garcia Prats (presenter), Anneke Hesseling, Benefit Kids team
15:55 – 16:15	Comparative effectiveness of regimens for drug-susceptible tuberculous meningitis in children and adolescents: a systematic review and aggregate-level meta-analysis	Giorgia Sulis (presenter), Silvia Chiang, Faiz Ahmad Khan
16:15 – 16:25	Questions & answers and discussion	All
Session 2c: Models of Care: findings of reviews carried out for the WHO consolidated guidelines on the management of TB in children and adolescents Chairs: Kobto Ghislain Koura and Anthony Enimil		
16:25 – 16:45	Evidence from the systematic review on models of care for child and adolescent TB	Courtney Yuen (presenter), Hamidah Hussain, Yael Hirsch-Movermann and Daria Szkwarko
16:45 – 17:00	Discussants	Martina Casenghi (CaP-TB) and Eric Wobudeya (TB-SPEED)
17:00	Wrap up, next steps and meeting closure	CAWG Secretariat