

55. Why are DR-TB patients lost by TB programmes? Patients' perspective on how to address DR-TB treatment adherence

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Room MR 2.61-2.63

Type of session	Symposium
Track	Patient-centred care
Track2 (optional)	Drug-resistant TB care and treatment, including trials
Description	Treatment of drug-resistant tuberculosis requires a set of programme components to be in place to ensure the optimal delivery of TB care. Many high-burden countries are succeeding in "scaling up" DR TB activities nationally, but are now facing increasing rates of patients who are "lost to follow-up" (LTFU). The status of LTFU is associated with treatment interruption and usually results in unnecessary morbidity and mortality for patients, as well as potentially generating additional resistance (i.e. XDR-TB). This session will present the results of programmatic studies and best practices and lessons learnt on how LTFU can be decreased.
Target audience	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TB programme managers, policy-makers 2. Healthcare professionals involved in the organisation and delivery of outpatient DR-TB care
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To present results of programmatic studies describing reasons for LTFU among DR-TB patients 2. To demonstrate programme experience and best practice aimed at reducing LTFU
Keywords	DR-TB; lost to follow-up (LTFU); quality of care
Coordinator(s)	Alexander Golubkov (USA)
Chair(s)	Jennifer Furin (USA)
Presentations	<p>10:30 - 10:40 Why are patients not adherent to DR-TB treatment? Patients' testimony Jennifer Furin (USA)</p> <p>10:45 - 10:55 Addressing LTFU in high-burden MDR-TB countries: example from Belarus Alena Skrahina (Belarus)</p> <p>11:00 - 11:10 Reaching zero LTFU through community-based care for DR-TB and HIV co-infected patients: example from South Africa and Lesotho Limphe Ramangoela (South Africa)</p> <p>11:15 - 11:25 Study results: LTFU among MDR-TB patients in the Philippines and what other countries can learn Thelma Tupasi (Philippines), Ekaterina Kurbatova (USA)</p> <p>11:30 - 11:40 Keeping low LTFU while scaling up an PMDT programme: example from Kazakhstan Tleukhan Abildaev (Kazakhstan)</p> <p>11:45 - 12:00 Discussion</p>