Texas Chagas Taskforce

Bi-Weekly Newsletter

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Task Force Updates:

We apologize for the lack of updates through the conclusion of the summer; we have been busy with travel and preparing for the new semester. We hope that everyone is safe and healthy after the devastating weather over the last month or so. Our hearts are with the victims of these terrible disasters.

Here are some of the key items for this update:

- **The August and September meetings were canceled**: the next meeting will focus on both the Healthcare Providers and the Veterinarians/Entomologists as a combined meeting
  - October 10th, 10:30am -- Noon CST
  - The phone number: 1(800) 299-7631
  - Participant code: 8069 750#

- **We are scheduled for our first Chagas Disease in Texas Workshop for CME credit!**
  - **Date**: October 26th, 9:00am -- 1:00pm CST
  - **Locations**: UT SPH San Antonio will host
    - 7411 John Smith Drive, 11th floor, Room 1134, San Antonio TX 78229
    - ITV will be provided for Houston participants. A room at the School of Public Health in the Medical Center will be announced soon!
  - **Registration link**: [https://is.gd/oIAbfV](https://is.gd/oIAbfV)
  - Please share this widely with your networks! We will be in contact with several of you individually to help disseminate the information.

- Our Taskforce was feature in a San Antonio, Texas Public Radio story; check it out here -- Texas Chagas Taskforce tackles kissing bug disease: [http://tpr.org/post/texas-chagas-taskforce-tackles-kissing-bug-disease#stream/0](http://tpr.org/post/texas-chagas-taskforce-tackles-kissing-bug-disease#stream/0)

- If you know of any health care provider groups that would benefit from a presentation or grand rounds on Chagas, please contact Jerry Pacheco at Gerardo.J.Pacheco@uth.tmc.edu
Chagas Around the Web:

The following is a list of recently published stories or updates. We have not vetted each individual link, but this is to gauge the level of interest/research going on related to Chagas disease, as captured by Google Alerts.

1. FDA approves first U.S. treatment for Chagas disease:

   https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm573942.htm

2. NPR examines efforts to get Chagas disease treatment approved in the U.S.:


3. After Martin Shkreli expressed interest in a rare drug for Chagas disease, doctors banded together to bring it to market:


4. Drug for ‘Neglected’ Chagas disease gains FDA approval amid price worries:


5. Slate examines how public-private partnership allowed Chagas disease treatment to become more affordable:


6. KalosBios to change company name to Humanigen, Inc.

7. Specialty grand challenge in pediatric infectious diseases:


8. FDA approves first treatment for Chagas disease in children:


9. First treatment for Chagas disease gets FDA approval:


10. Science News at a Glance-Chagas disease in border dogs:

     http://science.sciencemag.org/content/357/6352/628/tab-pdf

11. Chagas in the Americas for public health workers; 2017:


12. FDA approves first U.S. treatment for Chagas disease:


13. PAHO launches new initiative to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of four diseases:


14. Humanigen announces completion of benznidazole bioavailability study:

     https://globenewswire.com/news-
Recent and Key Peer-Reviewed Articles:

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**Key Articles**

   
   [https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BoqP1dVXbCDoRU2RGpSVmZrQ3M](https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BoqP1dVXbCDoRU2RGpSVmZrQ3M)

   

   
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    https://ajtmh.org/content/journals/10.4269/ajtmh.16-0777 (no free text)

    https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B0qP1dVXbCDobDfUXhKUXhSMW8


18. Indacochea, A (2017). Short-range responses of the kissing bug Triatoma rubida (Hemiptera: Reduviidae) to carbon dioxide, moisture, and artificial light. *Insects*, 8:3. [https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BoqPtdVXbCDoOVZv52bMqTENqbfE](https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BoqPtdVXbCDoOVZv52bMqTENqbfE)


21. Sinha, RTK (2017). Blood groups and transfusion transmitted diseases- are they related? *Journal of Medical Sciences and Health*, 3:2. [https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BoqPtdVXbCDoQ2JSSq1NoIDQ3c](https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BoqPtdVXbCDoQ2JSSq1NoIDQ3c)

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**Additional Articles**


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