



WHO guideline on control and elimination of human schistosomiasis

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PANELISTS



Paul Hagan

Paul Hagan is Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Hull, U.K. Professor Hagan has worked researchers from around the globe on the immunology and epidemiology of schistosomiasis.. He has served as advisor to WHO on parasitic diseases and held academic and research posts in various universities and research institutions..



Amadou Garba

Amadou Garba leads WHO's global schistosomiasis control programme. Before moving to WHO headquarters, he worked for WHO's Regional Office for Africa. Dr Garba is a clinician with research and public health experience and has worked for more than 25 years on the research and control of schistosomiasis and other tropical diseases. He managed national schistosomiasis control programmes in Niger and set up the Neglected Tropical diseases Control Programme of Niger. Dr Garba has researched several health issues and has authored book chapters and more than 80 scientific articles in peer review journals.



Aya Yajima

Aya Yajima is Regional Advisor for Neglected Tropical Diseases in the WHO South-East Asia Regional Office. Dr Yajima coordinates with WHO Headquarters, Country Offices, donors and partners to provide technical support for NTD-endemic Member States in the Region for accelerating control and elimination of NTDs.



Ruben Santiago Nicholls

Santiago Nicholls is Regional Advisor, Neglected Tropical Diseases Programme in the Department of Communicable Diseases and Environmental Determinants of Health of the Pan American Health Organization/ WHO's Regional Office for the Americas since 2016. Earlier, Dr Nicholls worked for Colombia's National Health Institute on research and control of the parasitic diseases where he directed the national Onchocerciasis Elimination Programme, contributing to its successful elimination in 2011. In his current position, he works with national programmes in the PAHO region.



Sung Hye Kim

Dr Sung Hye Kim is an epidemiologist who has been working for over 15 years in the field of global health in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific. She has extensive experience with mass delivery of health services such as vaccination and preventive chemotherapy in developing countries' settings, as well as monitoring and evaluation of communicable diseases control and elimination programmes. Dr Kim held various positions at the different domains of global health ranging from local to inter-national level, including WHO WPRO and SEARO. She has earned her medical degree from Ewha Womans University of Korea, Master of Public Health from Harvard School of Public Health, and PhD in tropical diseases from Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.



Pauline Mwinzi

Pauline Mwinzi is the Technical Officer for Schistosomiasis and Soil-transmitted helminthiasis in the Expanded Special Project for Elimination of NTDs (ESPEN) in the WHO Region for Africa. Dr Mwinzi has over 20 years' experience working in NTD research in Africa. Prior to joining WHO, she served as Chief Researcher and Head, NTD Research Unit, Center for Global Health Research at the Kenya Medical Research Institute and the founding Chair of the African Research Network for NTDs until 2017.



Supriya Warusavithana

Supriya Warusavithana is Regional Advisor for Neglected Tropical Diseases at WHO's Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office. Dr Warusavithana joined WHO in 2004 and worked at country level, in both WHO Eastern Mediterranean and South-East Asia Regions. She is a public health expert with more than 25 years of experience in managing communicable and non-communicable disease control programmes, and providing humanitarian health response in complex emergency settings.



David Rollinson

David Rollinson is Director of the Global Schistosomiasis Alliance - an important platform that supports WHO's global programme for the control and elimination schistosomiasis. Professor Rollinson has worked extensively on schistosomiasis in Africa and is a member of the WHO Expert Advisory Panel on parasitic diseases. He has published over 340 research articles and is the recipient of many honours and awards.



Wendy Harrison

Wendy Harrison is currently the CEO of the SCI Foundation that partners with Ministry of Health to support the delivery comprehensive programmes to eliminate schistosomiasis and soil transmitted helminths. As a veterinarian,

Dr Harrison is a strong advocate of the one health approach and is a commissioner on the Lancet One Health commission. She formed part of the group of experts who contributed to the development of the recent NTD road map One Health companion document.



Darin Evans

Darin S Evans is the technical lead for USAID's NTD Division where he guides the Agency's strategy and support for schistosomiasis program implementation and operational research. Earlier, Dr Evans worked as assistant director for the Carter Center health programs where he oversaw their schistosomiasis program. He was introduced to schistosomiasis as an undergraduate exchange student at the American University in Cairo where he explored water behaviors and exposure to the disease.



Dr Johannes Waltz

Johannes Waltz leads the Merck Schistosomiasis Elimination Programme and coordinates Merck's donation of 250 million tablets of praziquantel through WHO. Dr Waltz also serves as Director of Strategy and Finance of the Global Schistosomiasis Alliance and Chair of the German Pharma Health Fund. Before joining Merck, Dr Waltz worked at Pfizer Worldwide Biopharmaceutical Operations.