Current health challenges can only be overcome when a wide array of stakeholders work together to conduct operational research that illuminates effective solutions. But this also requires an understanding of operational research concepts and techniques. Because stakeholders frequently lack the time and resources needed to attend traditional face-to-face courses, TREAT TB has developed an approach to web-based learning that provides stakeholders with the knowledge and training they need to conduct high-quality and programmatically-relevant operational research.

Policy-makers, health professionals, government officials, major donors and others interested in operational research.

1. Demonstrate how new technology can bring high-quality operational research training to health professionals
2. Explain how complex technical subjects can be mastered using interactive software.

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Presentations
17:00 - 17:15 Virtual OR Training: early experiences within the TREAT TB Initiative
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17:15 - 17:30 Pulmonary TB contact tracing in a priority municipality for disease control in Brazil
Anneliese Wysocki (Brazil)

17:30 - 17:45 Which combination of the six tuberculosis screening questions predicts sputum smear which highest accuracy
Stephen Kisorio (Kenya)

17:45 - 18:00 Early anti-retroviral therapy initiation of MDR-TB and HIV co-infected patients in Swaziland
Janet Ongole (Swaziland)

18:00 - 18:15 Factors associated with unsuccessful treatment outcomes of MDR-TB patients in Tamil Nadu state, India
Sree T. Sucharitha (India)

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