

# Outpatient Care Delivery in the Russian Federation

Creating a Platform  
for Improved Health Outcomes

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# Background

Health systems in the Russian Federation and many other settings face a considerable challenge in meeting population demand for high quality health care. This is all the more acute in health systems that are skewed towards hospital-based delivery of care, especially given the high proportion of non-communicable and communicable diseases that can be successfully treated in the community.

Using a bio-social lens, this conference aims to examine the medical, social, and economic impact of investment in extending the reach of hospitals and clinics into the communities where patients live and work. This workshop aims to examine how stronger community-based and ambulatory health care delivery systems can complement existing hospital-based care delivery models.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

# Full Conference Program

9:00–9:30

Arrival

Coffee and tea available

9:30–9:45

Welcome

Host Organizations

9:45–11:15

Panel 1: Why do we need to reform  
our health systems?

**Towards Primary Health Care–Led Health Systems**

*Professor Rifat Atun, Harvard University*

**Public Opinion on the State of Russian Health Care**

*Professor Sergey Shishkin, Higher School of Economics*

**Outpatient Care in Russia: Major Problems and Outcomes**

*Professor Igor Sheiman, Higher School of Economics*

Discussion

11:15–11:30

Coffee Break

11:30–12:30

Keynote Address

**“Reforming” Health for Improved Patient Outcomes: Why Ambulatory Care Systems Matter**

*Professor Paul Farmer, Harvard University*

12:30–13:30

Lunch

13:30–15:00

Panel 2: International Experience

**Improving Outcomes with Community Delivery:  
Lessons from the U.K. and Cuba**

*Professor Patrick Pietroni, Darwin Institute*

**Efforts to Improve Care Delivery in Canada**

*Professor Brian Hutchison, McMaster University*

**Delivering Health Care to Communities:  
Experience from the Netherlands**

*Professor Weinke Boerma, NIVEL Institute*

Discussion

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15:00-15:30

Coffee Break

15:30-16:30

Panel 3: Models for improved outcome in Russia

**Overview of the TB Situation in the Russian Federation:  
The Role of Advanced Organizational Technologies  
in Addressing the Problem of Tuberculosis**

*Professor Irina Vasilyeva, First Moscow State Medical University*

**Developing a Spectrum of Care Delivery: The Example from Tomsk**

*Dr. Irina Gelmanova, Partners In Health*

Discussion

16:30-18:00

Panel 4: Towards a healthy future

**Imagining a Reorganized Russian Model of Care Delivery**

*Professor Vasily Vlassov, Higher School of Economics*

**Using TB as an Entry Point to Improved Ambulatory Care Delivery:  
Zero TB Initiative**

*Professor Salmaan Keshavjee, Harvard University*

Discussion

18:00

Closing Remarks

*Professor Paul Farmer, Harvard University*



## In Memoriam

This conference is presented in memory of **Mark G. Field** (1923–2015), an educator and scholar of medical sociology and the Soviet and post-Soviet health systems. Born in Lausanne, Switzerland in 1923, Field emigrated to the United States in 1940. A couple of years after transferring to Harvard in 1942, he was drafted into military service. After the war, Field returned to complete his B.A. at Harvard, where he later received his M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology. He began working as a medical sociologist, first in Boston-area hospitals, then as a professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Boston University, where he remained until retirement. During this time, Field published a plethora of work on Soviet and post-Soviet health systems; Soviet and post-Soviet social conditions and welfare; and comparative studies of world health systems. Field was an active participant in conferences and panels and had been deeply involved with the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies since its inception.

