

Hepatitis B Stigma and Discrimination



Coalition Against Hepatitis in People of African Origin)

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Hep C Rapid Test
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Lessons Learned -

- Hep B testing
 - Patient education – incentives
 - Blood draw volume
 - Structural/systematic barriers
 - Blood draw requires skilled professional
 - Volunteer Doctor – results interpretation
 - Nurse – vaccine administration
 - CDC report of effectiveness of hep b testing community event
 - Patient empowerment - card



Allow, nimaan wax ogayn ha cadaabin.
Oh Allah, do not punish a man who sins
through ignorance.

Somali Proverb



Hepatitis B Stigma

Lack of awareness and knowledge, misinformation,
and ignorance.

**Disease etiology, transmission, treatment and
vaccination.**

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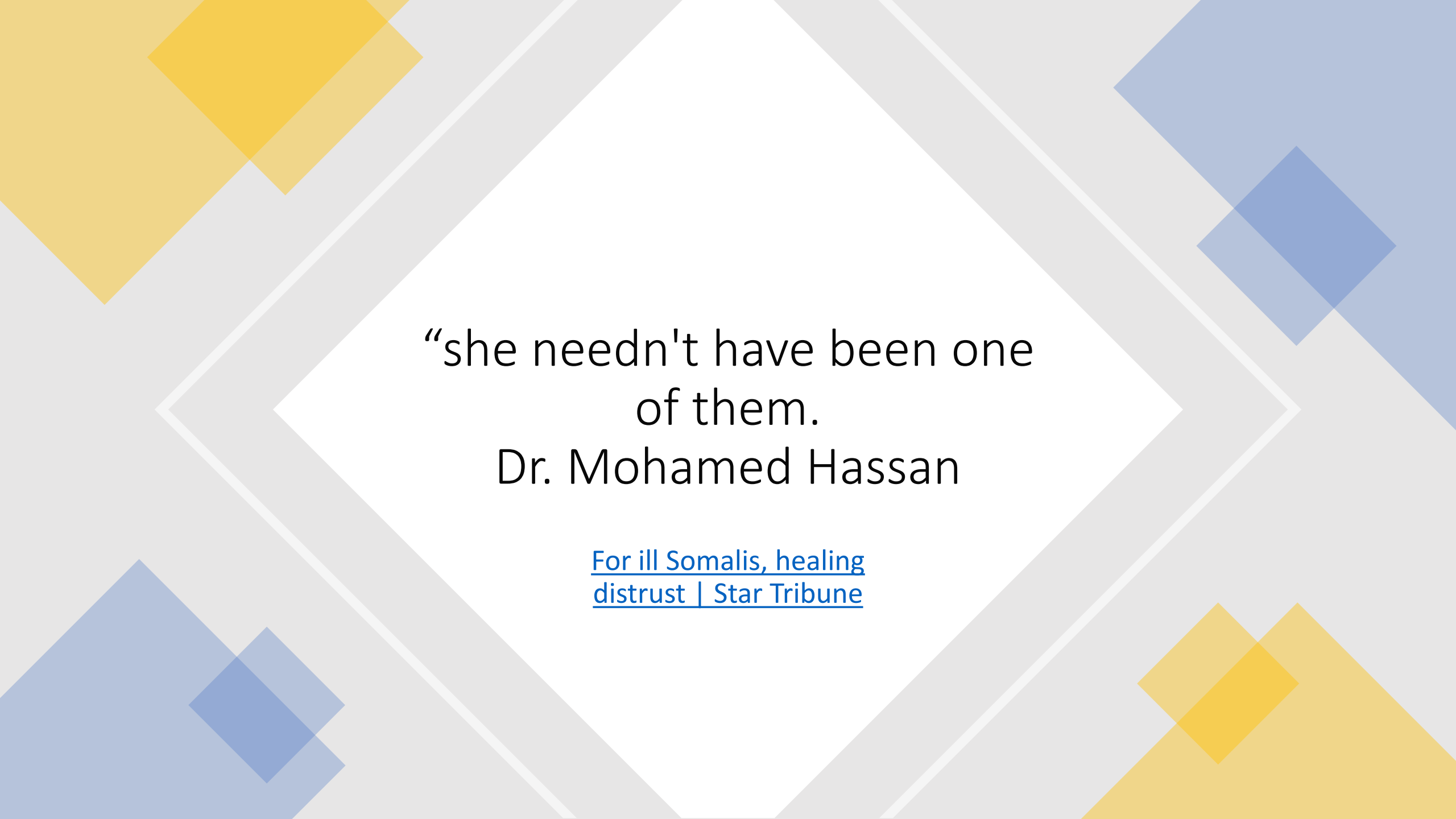
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Transmission:

Traditional beliefs (Witchcraft etc)
sexually transmission (adulterous)
Tattoo -

Malaria and other infectious disease.



“she needn't have been one
of them.

Dr. Mohamed Hassan

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