

Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center's e-news
Informing the southeast region about TB-related resources and training opportunities

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Regional Training and Medical Consultation Center (RTMCC)

The Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center (SNTC) is one of four RTMCCs funded by the CDC. As a RTMCC, the SNTC seeks to address the training, education, medical consultation, and technical assistance needs of healthcare providers and TB programs in 11 southeastern states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The focus of the February 2007 issue of Close Contact is the SNTC's Clinical Training Campus, A.G. Holley TB Hospital in Lantana Florida.

A.G. Holley TB Hospital

A.G. Holley State Hospital was constructed in 1948 on a pineapple field in Lantana, Florida and opened its doors in 1950. It was one of four Florida hospitals dedicated to the treatment of patients with tuberculosis. Originally named the Southeast Florida State Sanatorium or the Southeast Florida Tuberculosis Hospital, the hospital's name was formally changed to A.G. Holley State Hospital in 1969.

The hospital was built to serve 500 patients, and housing for physicians, nurses and administrative staff was co-located on the hospital grounds. As the incidence of tuberculosis declined, and front-line drugs introduced, the other three Florida TB hospitals closed and the number of beds at A.G. Holley was significantly reduced. In 1999, the fourth floor of the hospital was completely renovated with state-of-the-art respiratory and healthcare equipment. Currently, the hospital has 50 beds including 16 isolation beds in negative air pressure rooms. Co-located within the facility or on the grounds is a complete x-ray department, pharmacy, Florida Department of Health Laboratory, and other medical and psychosocial services. A.G. Holley TB Hospital is the last of the original American sanatoriums that continues to be dedicated to tuberculosis.



Although it fluctuates, the current patient population includes . . .

- 90% have a substance abusing background
- 60% are there by court order
- 50-60% have a major psychiatric illness in addition to TB
- 50% are HIV-positive or have AIDS
- 50-60% report being homeless in the year before admission

A resource to the SNTC, A.G. Holley TB Hospital is the site of our four-day Comprehensive Clinical TB Course. This course is offered quarterly and provides a multidisciplinary approach to comprehensive clinical care of tuberculosis and covers diagnosis,

treatment, laboratory, pharmacology and pharmacokinetics, management of co-morbidities such as HIV and HCV, MDR-TB, LTBI, and Radiology. The course is constructed around didactic presentations and challenging case presentations. For additional information about this course and for registration instructions, please visit the SNTC website for more information or contact Karen Farrell, Training Coordinator, SNTC Clinical Training Campus. Her telephone number is (561) 540-3364.

Upcoming Events Training and Education

Contact Investigation and Interviewing Skills
 February 28 - March 2, 2007

Comprehensive Clinical TB Course
 March 5 - 9, 2007

TB Program Management Course
 May 23 - 25, 2007

Upcoming Audio and Web Conferences

Vampires, Cows, and Fashion - TB History
 with John Bass, MD
 May 2, 2007, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. EDT

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The SNTC team continues to grow!

We are thrilled to announce that **Joanne Shannon Julien**, MD has joined the SNTC faculty as our Medical Consultant. Dr. Julien joins a team of TB experts providing consultation to 1-800-4TB-INFO callers. Joanne also is Medical Director, TB Program, Palm Beach County, Florida; and Deputy TB Controller, Florida DOH Division of Tuberculosis and Refugee Health.

Jenna M. Kilcomons, a senior in UF's Health Education Program is completing her internship at SNTC. She is working on the Cultural Snapshots being developed for the cultural competency training. Jenna's father is well-known to many in the state of Florida as he is the Disease Control Manager with the Hillsborough County Health Department responsible for TB, STD, HIV and immunization programs.

Did you know - it's a small small world . . .

Anne Raftery, RN, BSN of the Francis J. Curry National Tuberculosis Center discovered that her parents met at A.G. Holley TB Hospital in the 1950s when they were both working there - he was a physician on the fourth floor and she was a senior nursing student. After they were married, they lived in one of the physician residences on the hospital grounds. Rumor has it, the marriage proposal was actually made at the hospital! Please join us in extending our heartfelt wishes on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary this September. Congratulations!

Don't be left out . . . we need your help!

The March 2007 issue of Close Contact will feature state-specific events and activities planned in the southeast for World TB Day. If you have plans and would like to have them included in the newsletter, please contact Karen Simpson at SNTC by February 26 with the information.

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We need your input and ideas . . . Please help us serve you better by giving us feedback and suggestions on our e-newsletter. We welcome your comments and ask that you send them to sntc@medicine.ufl.edu

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FEBRUARY
 Georgia - Tennessee

MARCH
 Florida - Puerto Rico - Virginia

APRIL
 Georgia

For more information about these events, please go to our website.
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