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 new 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
John J. Bass, MD
May 2, 2007, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. EDT

Newsy Bytes

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

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 residential buildings on the hospital grounds. Rumor has it, the marriage proposal was actually made at the hospital!

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

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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