

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 January 2007 issue of Close Contact is training and educational opportunities provided by the SNTC.

Training and Educational Opportunities in the Southeast

One of the early activities undertaken by the SNTC was a comprehensive needs assessment of the type of educational and training activities desired by the southeastern states. This assessment revealed numerous strengths existing in the region, but also identified areas where there were gaps and needs for training and educational materials. Specifically, the results of the needs assessment encouraged the SNTC to view our role as a broker of existing resources to share throughout the region, developer of new curriculum and materials, convener of facilitator-led forums, and provider of training across the region and at the SNTC Clinical Training Campus, A. G. Holley TB Hospital. In response to the needs assessment, the SNTC offers the following opportunities:



Courses and Workshops

Two core courses have been developed: The Comprehensive Clinical TB Course (offered quarterly at the SNTC Clinical Training Campus, A.G. Holley TB Hospital) and the TB Program Management Course (offered twice each year in the region).

In addition to the core courses, several trainings have been developed for delivery in a workshop format. These include a clinical intensive (1-2 days), Contact Investigation and Interviewing Skills, TB in Corrections: Contact Investigations, TB in Corrections: Discharge Planning, Building the Bridge Between Corrections and Public Health,

and TB Skin Test (TST) Train-the-Trainer. TB Case Management and TB 101 (an online course) are currently under development. These workshops are offered periodically and upon request within individual states.

Webinar Trainings

Recognizing the limitations on time and opportunities to travel, these audio and web conferences provide educational opportunities for a diverse audience. Continuing education licensure credit is offered for these webinars and participation is free of charge. Currently the calendar includes quarterly webinars of Grand Rounds topics and TB Morbidity and Mortality Review conducted on-site at A.G. Holley TB Hospital. In addition, a "Hot Topics in TB" lecture series provides periodic webinars on timely issues critical to TB, such as corrections, TB disparities, and pediatrics.

Mini-Fellowships

These mini-fellowships offer an individualized training experience with SNTC's TB experts. Training is tailored to meet the specific needs of the participant. An additional description of this unique training opportunity and an application for the program are available on the SNTC website.

Other Opportunities

SNTC staff seek to be responsive to the training and educational needs of our region. If you have ideas that you would like to share, please contact Karen Simpson, Director of Training and Education.

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

April 25, 2007, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST

John Bass, M.D.

Newsy Bits . . .

Newly designed SNTC website launched!

In early January, our new website design was officially deployed. Please visit the site to view the changes to the home page and to take advantage of the new additions: **1)** a Special Populations button with information and resources related to TB in the Corrections, U.S.-Born African Americans, and Foreign-Born Spanish-Speaking populations; **2)** a new Training Opportunities button; and **3)** a Latin American Initiatives button.

In addition, the new website can now accommodate your medical consultation questions via the web.

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We need your input and ideas

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