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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 this issue is **Upcoming Training Opportunities***

National Web-Based Seminar Series Planned

The RTMCCs, in partnership with the CDC's Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, have planned a series of national webinars to address topics of relevance to public health staff and others involved with diagnosing and treating individuals with TB. The first web-based seminar, **MDR TB and XDR TB** will be Friday, August 17 at 2:00 EDT. CDC staff and representatives from each of the RTMCCs will provide content expertise for this session. Additional information, including the learning objectives, is available on the **SNTC website**.

Other topics planned include:

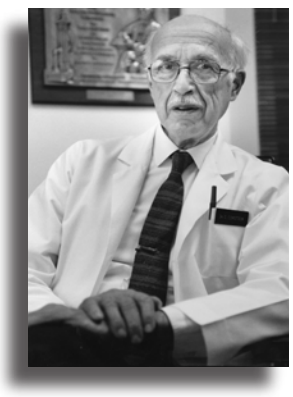
September 2007 – **Public Health Law and TB**
October 2007 – **TB Lab and Diagnostics Update**
November 2007 – **HIV and TB**
January 2008 – **Genotyping**

Please check the SNTC website for more detailed information as it becomes available. We also will provide periodic email reminders in advance of each of the web-based seminars.

Pediatrics and TB Webinar Series

Save the Dates . . . October 17 • October 24 • October 31 • November 7

The SNTC, in response to feedback from our region, is developing a web-based seminar series, *Pediatric TB for Private Providers*. Drs. Ana Alvarez (FL) and Amina Ahmed (NC), co-chairs of the curriculum development committee, have identified learning objectives and content for four one-hour sessions designed to provide current information regarding the epidemiology of pediatric TB, pediatric TB management, including evaluation, diagnosis and treatment, LTBI, and conducting contact investigations involving children. In addition to Drs. Alvarez and Ahmed, course faculty includes Dr. Jeff Starke (TX) who will provide the overview lecture and Dr. Rob Lawrence (FL). The series will occur weekly on four consecutive Wednesdays this fall. Additional information and registration materials will be posted on the SNTC website.



The Loss of George Comstock, MD

Dr. George Comstock died July 15, 2007 at the age of 92. He has been called the greatest TB epidemiologist of all time and his work is credited with introducing Isoniazid as the standard for preventive TB therapy. In addition, Dr. Comstock was the first Chair of CDC's Advisory Council for Elimination of Tuberculosis (ACET) and provided leadership as the national strategy for TB elimination was developed and published.

SNTC's David Ashkin has fond memories of Dr. Comstock's visit to A.G. Holley TB Hospital. Dr. Comstock mesmerized Dr. Ashkin's faculty with personal accounts of his work and experiences over 50 years of public service.

Current Information on XDR

Remember to check the XDR page on the CDC's website for frequent updates. Recent additions include an editorial by Martin Cetron and Ken Castro, *Protecting the Public's Health against Tuberculosis: Moving Forward* (July 26, 2007) and a Q&A from the July 3 2007 Press Conference with CDC and National Jewish Medical and Research Center.

Upcoming Training and Education

Comprehensive Clinical TB Course
September 17-20, 2007 ● Lantana, Florida

TST Train-the-Trainer
September 21, 2007 ● Lantana, Florida

TB Program Management Course
October 2-4, 2007 ● Jackson, Mississippi
November 27-29, 2007 ● Louisville, Kentucky

TB in Corrections: Contact Investigation and Discharge Planning
October 23-25, 2007 ● Jacksonville, Florida

SNTC IN ACTION
coming to your state soon

AUGUST
Georgia — TB ETN

SEPTEMBER
Arkansas
Florida
South Carolina — SE TB Controller's Meeting

OCTOBER
Florida
Mississippi

NOVEMBER
Florida
Kentucky
Virginia

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The SNTC team bids a fond farewell to Dwayne Turner, PhD, JD, MPH

Dr. Turner has stepped down as CEO of A.G. Holley TB Hospital and has taken a position as Executive Agency Counsel and Chief Privacy Officer for the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Those of you in the southeast region know Dwayne as a faculty member of our Comprehensive Clinical Course. We will miss his leadership, insight, calm demeanor and captivating stories.

Rebecca Gilbert has recently joined the SNTC team as Program Assistant. Rebecca comes to the SNTC after successfully starting and growing a family business and brings a wealth of fiscal and administrative experience to us. She will be involved in a variety of activities, including working closely with the training team. Since Rebecca may be the first person you get when you call our office, **please introduce yourself and give her a warm welcome to the TB family**!

We need your help! Close Contact, e-Newsletter Evaluation

Please help us provide you with the type of information and resources that you need in your TB work! Please click on the link (http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB225J6CS7RXD) to complete the survey. Thank you!

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