

Another Year Closes and a New One Begins

As this year winds to a close, we pause to reflect on the progress that has been made but recognize the enormous challenges that remain in our work together to eliminate TB.

From all of the SNTC team, we offer our best wishes to each of you, and your families, for a relaxing and healthy holiday season.

We look forward to continuing our partnerships and working together in 2007.



SNTC Staff Continues to Grow

We welcome **Denise Dodge, RN** and **Suzette Johnston** to our team.

Denise joins the SNTC as a nurse training specialist/consultant. She has been a nurse for over 30 years and has worked for the Florida Department of Health since 1990. Denise's background has been "in the trenches" as a health department generalist, TB nurse case manager/coordinator/supervisor and finally as the TB program manager in Hillsborough County, Florida. She brings a wealth of practical and programmatic knowledge to the training team.

Sue joins us as a senior secretary, having worked at the Department of Health with Dr. Lauzardo for eight years in his position as Deputy TB Health Officer for the State of Florida. She continues to coordinate these activities and assist with the medical consultation activities of the SNTC.



Congratulations to **Veda Rammohan** on her graduation from the University of Florida. She just completed a B.S. in Community Health Education with specific interests in tuberculosis, infectious diseases, and reproductive health. Veda interned with us for the past two semesters and while here was able to finely tune her TB knowledge. We have enjoyed working with her and wish Veda all the best as she pursues her career. Veda is on the job market . . . and can be reached at vedagator@gmail.com.

We Need Your Help

The January 17th Grand Rounds/Webinar listed below will feature challenging TB cases. If you have a case you would like to have discussed, please contact Karen Simpson (352-265-7682).

Upcoming Events

Training and Education

Grand Rounds - Collaborative Case Conference

January 17, 2007

Featuring open discussions on challenging case presentations. Participate in person at A.G. Holley State TB Hospital or via Internet Webinar.

TB Morbidity and Mortality Review

January 17, 2007

David Ashkin, M.D., Deputy Florida State TB Health Officer, A.G. Holley State TB Hospital Director and Southeastern National TB Center Medical Director.

Comprehensive Clinical TB Course

March 5-9, 2007

Offered quarterly at A.G. Holley State TB Hospital in Lantana, Florida, this 4.5 day clinical course will familiarize TB staff with all aspects of TB infection, disease and patient care through an interdisciplinary and interactive approach.

Additional Information . . . is available on our website <http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu>

Newsy Bits

Close Contact, e-newsletter

Look for the January 2007 issue which will highlight the training and educational opportunities planned throughout the year. These are provided by the SNTC team in partnership with our colleagues throughout the southeastern region.

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Coming to Your State Soon

Georgia
Puerto Rico
Virginia

Also in Early 2007

New look for SNTC website
2007 Training Calendar
• Year-At-A-Glance

New Products

Spanish translations of TB materials
Tool Kits for Special Populations
• Corrections
• African-American
• Foreign-Born Spanish-Speaking
Caliper
Cultural Snapshots