



8/6/08 TB WIRE

STOP TB USA was formerly known as the National Coalition for Elimination of Tuberculosis (NCET). Please Pass this information on to your colleagues who are interested in TB elimination.

PRESIDENT SIGNS GLOBAL HIV/AIDS, TB and MALARIA LEGISLATION

From the American Thoracic Society's Washington Letter – Monday August 4, 18, 2008: On July 31, President Bush signed the global HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria legislation, known as PEPFAR, into law. The law reauthorizes the President's landmark program to expand detection, treatment and prevention of these diseases and provides \$30 billion over five years for these efforts. The new law includes the ATS's priority global tuberculosis control legislation, the Stop TB Now Act. This measure expands the US Agency for International Development's (USAID) global TB control activities and provides \$4 billion over 5 years for the program. Enactment of the Stop TB Now Act as part of PEPFAR is an important success. The ATS Washington Office thanks all who contacted their members of Congress in support of the bill over the year and the sponsors of the legislation, Reps. Engel (D-NY) and Wilson (R-NM) and Boxer (D-CA) and Smith (R-OR) for their leadership.

NOW THE DOMESTIC TB BILL NEEDS A FINAL PUSH FOR PASSAGE

(We have been asked to pass this note on from the American Thoracic Society Washington Office.)

The domestic TB bill, the Comprehensive TB Elimination Act, S. 1551/H.R. 1532, sponsored by Sens. Brown (D-OH) and Hutchison (R-TX) and Reps. Green (D-TX) and Wilson (R-NM), is awaiting a Senate floor vote and a vote in the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Sen. Brown will be bringing the bill to a Senate floor vote when the Senate convenes in September and it is critical that the bill is passed by the end of the month, before Congress recesses for the election. We have learned that there are a few Senators, including Sen. DeMint (R-SC), who must hear from their constituents about the real need for this bill before they will vote for it. Stop TB USA members and friends are urged to contact their two Senators by August 18th. Directions on how to do this are at the end of this message.

There is also a need to persuade the House Energy and Commerce Committee, chaired by Rep. Dingell (D-MI), to schedule a vote on the bill in September. After you have contacted your two Senators, please contact your House Representative and urge them to cosponsor the bill and urge its passage before Congress adjourns in October. The chair of the committee is interested in scheduling a vote for the bill, but some minority members of the committee want more information on TB before action is scheduled. The following is a link to the membership of the Energy and Commerce Committee. Please check this list to see if your

Representative is on it and if so, please make a special effort to call ASAP.
(House Energy and Commerce Committee info at:
<http://energycommerce.house.gov/membios/>)

How to Take Action

Call the Capitol Switchboard at 1-202-224-3121 and ask for your Senator/or Representative or give your zip code if you do not know their name. When you are connected to an office, ask for the Health Legislative Assistant. If you leave a voicemail message, include your name and phone number so that they can call you back. The following is a sample phone message: " I am a constituent and a healthcare provider from (your town) and I am calling to ask Sen/Rep. _____ to support a Senate/House vote on the Comprehensive TB Elimination Act, S. 1551/H.R. 1532, as soon as possible. The bill must be passed this year to prevent outbreaks of drug resistant TB in the U.S. and reinvest in TB research to find easier, more effective diagnostics, drugs and vaccines. (Supplement message with state TB facts such as number of drug resistant cases)."

Summary of the Comprehensive TB Elimination Act, S. 1551/H.R. 1532

The bill, sponsored by Reps. Green (D-TX) & Wilson (R-NM) and Sens. Brown (D-OH) & Hutchison (R-TX), will provide increased funding for the CDC's National Program for the Elimination of Tuberculosis, including funding for state TB control programs, and expand research on TB diagnostic and treatment tools at the NIH and CDC. The bill will intensify targeted efforts to prevent, detect and treat the disease among African Americans and foreign-born persons in the U.S., and expand detection of TB at the U.S.-Mexico border and treatment of binational TB cases.

Please contact the ATS Washington Office if you have any questions and to let us know when you have contacted your members of Congress by e-mailing Nmoore@thoracic.org. For more information, visit the ATS website at www.thoracic.org/advocacy

REGIONAL TB TRAINING AND MEDICAL CONSULTATION CENTERS (RTMCCs)

The four CDC-funded TB Regional Training and Medical Consultation Centers continue to provide free TB-related medical consultation, develop TB educational materials, and also provide TB-related training and technical assistance. The Centers are regionally assigned to cover all 50 states and U.S. territories. Additional information about the Regional Training Centers, their services and programs, can be obtained from their telephone numbers and websites (below). (Please note: Regional Tuberculosis Training and Medical Consultation Centers are obligated to prioritize participants from within their respective regions for training courses - but they may accept applicants from all areas when there is available space.) **Please check the websites below for upcoming courses.**

The Heartland National Tuberculosis Center in San Antonio, Texas: Phone: 800-TEX-LUNG (800-839-5864) Website: <http://www.heartlandntbc.org>. Upcoming Courses include:

TB 101 Teach Back - September 16-18, 2008. Location: San Antonio, Texas. Target Audience: Health care workers who are responsible for conducting trainings for non-medical or front line medical staff on the basics of tuberculosis. The training will empower them to teach others about TB. Contact Lead Educator: jessica.quintero@uthct.edu. Download the course brochure at: http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training/brochure_san_antonio_tx_16_sep_2008.pdf

Registration opens August 4, 2008 and closes September 2, 2008.

TB Nurse Case Management - October 8-10, 2008. Location: Norman, Oklahoma. Target Audience: Public health TB nurses and program managers who are actively engaged in the case management, identification, and treatment of patients with tuberculosis infection or disease. Contact Lead Educator:

laura.muraida@uthct.edu. Download brochure at:

http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training/brochure_norman_ok_08_oct_2008.pdf.

Registration opens August 1 and closes September 19, 2008

TB Update: Selected Topics - October 15, 2008. Location: St. Paul, Minnesota; Minnesota Department of Public Health. Target Audience: This half day training is being held in conjunction with the Upper Midwest TB Controllers annual meeting and is open to health care professionals who desire an update on the current science of genotyping as it pertains to tuberculosis; and an overview to pediatric TB care and treatment. Contact Lead Educator: mary.long@uthct.edu. Download brochure at:

http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training/brochure_st_paul_mn_15_oct_2008.pdf

Registration opens September 2, 2008 and closes September 30, 2008

TB Update: Basic Contact Interviewing Skills - October 27, 2008. Location: Flagstaff, Arizona. Target Audience: Half day training provides an overview of basic interviewing skills needed to effectively conduct a contact investigation and is open to health care workers who are actively involved in public health contact investigations. This training is being held in conjunction with the Four Corners Annual TB/HIV Conference. Contact Lead Educator: erica.orosco@uthct.edu. Download brochure at:

http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training/brochure_flagstaff_az_27_oct_2008.pdf.

Registration opens September 8, 2008 and closes October 7, 2008.

TB Program Management - November 5-7, 2008. Location: San Antonio, Texas. Target Audience: This program targets public health TB program managers who are actively engaged in the day-to-day responsibilities involved in supervising and managing a TB program at the local or regional level. Contact Lead Educator: mary.long@uthct.edu. Download brochure at:

http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training/brochure_san_antonio_tx_05_nov_2008.pdf

Registration opens September 17, 2008 and closes October 15, 2008

Physicians TB Update - November 20, 2008. Location: Austin, Texas. Target Audience: Physicians and clinical nurse experts who are actively engaged in the management of patients with, or at risk of, tuberculosis. Topics will include refugee and immigrant TB assessments, new information on TB/HIV co-infections; drug resistant TB and other relevant topics to be announced. Contact Lead Educator: maria.robles@uthct.edu. Download brochure at:

http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training/brochure_austin_tx_20_nov_2008.pdf.

Registration opens September 23, 2008 and closes November 6, 2008

TB Intensive - December 2-4, 2008. Location: Tyler, Texas. Target Audience: Physicians and nurse experts who are actively engaged in the management of patients with, or at risk of, tuberculosis. Contact Lead Educator: laura.muraida@uthct.edu. Download brochure at:

http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training/brochure_tyler_tx_02_dec_2008.pdf

Registration opens October 6, 2008 and closes November 14, 2008

Francis J. Curry National Tuberculosis Center in San Francisco, California. Phone: 415-502-4220. Website: <http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/>.

New Product: Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis: A Survival Guide for Clinicians. 2nd Edition now available as a download, or a printed book or a CD ROM. For additional information, go to the website at: <http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/>

New product: Tuberculosis Contact Investigation in Jail: A Facilitator Guide . This facilitator-led training product is designed for use by correctional liaisons who are responsible for facilitating the training of jail and health department staff who conduct TB contact investigation in jail. The content includes: (1) Information about risk of TB transmission in a jail setting; (2) How TB can affect jail inmates and employees; and (3) How to perform a TB contact investigation in jail. The training is comprised of sessions that can be conducted as individual stand alone sessions or as a multi-session series. Materials include PowerPoint presentation slides, speaker notes, exercises, case studies, questions/answers key, and a master copy of all participant materials for duplication purposes.

http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/products/product_details.cfm?productID=WPT-13

August 26-28, 2008 San Francisco CA. Tuberculosis Clinical Intensive. This is a 3-day intensive for physicians and other licensed medical professionals who diagnose and treat tuberculosis.

http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/training/tb_clinical_intensive.cfm

October 21-24, 2008 San Francisco CA Tuberculosis Case Management and Contact Investigation. This is a 4-day training for nurses, communicable disease investigators, and medical social workers.

Website: http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/training/tbcmci_intensive.cfm

The Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center in Gainesville, Florida: Phone: 352-265-7682 Website: <http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/> Upcoming courses include:

TB in Corrections: Contact Investigation and Discharge Planning Course. Dates: August 26-28, 2008. Location: Columbia, South Carolina. Target Audience: Public health and corrections medical and custody personnel who may be involved during the course of a contact investigation in the corrections setting are the focus here, especially: corrections personnel: administrators, supervisory staff in medical, classification, safety, risk management, and training AND public health personnel (medical staff working with TB, TB program and corrections liaison staff). Speakers: SNTC Staff and affiliate faculty. This three-day course focuses on aspects of contact investigation and discharge planning conducted in a correctional setting. The training is designed to enhance communication and collaboration between local health departments and corrections personnel to improve contact investigation outcomes. Registration information for this course is available on the SNTC website at

<http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/Training.aspx?Id=156> You may also contact the SNTC for additional information. 1-888-265-7682.

Comprehensive Clinical TB Course. Date: September 8-11, 2008. Location: AG Holley TB Hospital, Lantana, Florida. Target Audience: Pediatricians, Family Physicians, Physician's Assistants, ARNP, other private sector health care personnel, Nurses, TB control staff, other public healthcare personnel with

responsibility for TB. Speakers: SNTC Staff and Affiliate Faculty from throughout the SE Region. This 4 day hospital-based program will familiarize the clinician with all aspects of tuberculosis infection, disease and clinical care using an interdisciplinary and interactive approach. Registration information for this course is available on the SNTC website at: <http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/training/asp>. You may also contact the SNTC for additional information. 1-888-265-7682.

TB Program Management Course: 2 and ½ Day Intensive Course September 30 through October 2, 2008. New Orleans, Louisiana. This course was developed specifically for mid-level tuberculosis program managers at the state, regional/district, and local levels who have frequent interactions with frontline staff. Optimally, course participants should have occupied a TB program management position for at least one month and possess a basic knowledge of TB. This course was designed to improve the planning and managerial capabilities of TB program managers throughout the southeast. Registration materials and application are available on the SNTC website. <http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/Training.aspx?Id=162> Although registration is free, pre-registration is required. To earn CE, you must participate in the entire course. No partial credit is provided. For more information, contact KAREN SIMPSON at 888.265.SNTC

New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute in Newark, New Jersey: Phone: 973-972-3270 Toll-Free: 800-482-3627. Website: <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/home.htm>

Upcoming Courses include:

TB Program Managers' Workshop - Date: September 9-11, 2008 - **Location:** Newark, NJ
Target Audience: Entry level and mid-level managers and experienced supervisors in TB control programs. **Description:** This is an interactive workshop designed to enhance the managerial skills of new and seasoned TB managers and supervisors. For more information or to obtain an application form, visit: <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses/brochures/2008progmanworkshop.htm> You may also contact Valerie Gunn at (973) 972-9103 or email at gunnvl@umdnj.edu.

Essential Infection Control Practices for TB Program Staff - September 18 - New York, NY. This course provides an overview of infection control measures that are essential for preventing transmission of M. tuberculosis to patients and healthcare workers in various settings. Some key topics include transmission of TB, fundamentals of infection control, personal respiratory protection for healthcare workers and TB patients, discharge planning, and home isolation for infectious TB patients. The format includes lectures and case studies. Target audience: TB program staff. For more information, please contact via email khilalan@umdnj.edu. Website at: <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses/essential.htm>

TB Intensive Workshop - October 21-23 – Newark. This intensive two and half day workshop covers key topics in the management and treatment of tuberculosis including epidemiology, transmission & pathogenesis, diagnostic and treatment, TB in children and adolescents, multi-drug resistant tuberculosis, TB/HIV co-infection, and the role of surgery in TB. The format includes lectures, discussions, and case studies. Target audience: TB program management staff. For more information, please contact Anita Khilall at (973) 972-9102 or send an email to khilalan@umdnj.edu

Eliminating Tuberculosis: New Strategies for an Old Disease - November 7 - Wallingford, CT/ Topics include: Overview of TB in Connecticut, contact and outbreak investigations, best practices in diagnosis & treatment of latent TB infection and, and laboratory update. For more information call the Connecticut Department of Public Health, TB Program at (860) 509-7722 or check the website at:

<http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/documents/SavetheDate-CTconference.pdf>

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