



12/14/08 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.

IUATLD NORTH AMERICAN REGION CONFERENCE: February 26-28, 2009 Vancouver, Canada

Reminder: The 2009 Conference of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (IUATLD) - North American Region will take place in Vancouver, BC, Canada, on February 26 - 28, 2009. The preliminary program, registration forms and preliminary agenda are available now at: http://www.bc.lung.ca/lungdiseases/tuberculosis_iuatld.html

The theme for this important annual TB conference is: *Reaching the Unreached: Eliminating TB among Indigenous and Marginalized Populations.* The meeting will begin at 4:45 pm on Thursday, February 26, and end at 5:00 pm on Saturday, February 28.

Prior to the IUATLD meeting, STOP TB Canada will host a North American STOP TB meeting beginning on Thursday, February 28, beginning at 8:00 am and U.S. attendees are invited.

In addition, a special STOP TB USA legislation/appropriation update meeting will begin at noon on February 28. The meeting will be open to all interested parties.

The IUATLD conference will be held at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel. Direct telephone number: 604.893.7120. Toll-Free Number: 1.800.663.9255. The Email address is: reservations@wallcentre.com SPECIAL CONFERENCE RATES: Single/Double: \$149.00 plus 15% tax. Deluxe Corner Room: \$179.00 plus 15% tax. To reserve a room at the conference rate, please reference the BC Lung Association/IUATLD-North American Region Meeting. This rate is guaranteed based on availability only until January 15, 2009. After this date, the rate is subject to availability only. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel.

Editor's note: Now is the time to start looking for good airfares to Vancouver from the U.S.A. The weather in Vancouver in late February is usually mild and wet. It rarely snows in Vancouver except, of course, high up on the local ski hills well above the city. In late February the temperature highs in downtown Vancouver average around 44-50 Fahrenheit. For walkers and runners, there is Stanley Park, the city's urban wilderness, which is located within walking or running distance of the hotel. If you can come early or stay after the meeting, you will find the Vancouver area renowned for scenic beauty and endless opportunities for outdoor activities. Vancouver is also a cosmopolitan city with all the urban amenities including fine dining, shopping, museums, galleries, music and theatre.

MOVING DOCUMENTARY ON TB IN SOUTH AFRICA:

From the Global STOP TB Partnership: Rockhopper TV has produced a superb and highly moving documentary about TB in South Africa, "The Deadly Combination", which was aired on the BBC this weekend. The film can now be viewed on line at:

http://bbcworldnews.survival.tv/documentaries/the_deadly_combination.php

REGIONAL TB TRAINING AND MEDICAL CONSULTATION CENTERS (RTMCCs)

The four CDC-funded TB Regional Training and Medical Consultation Centers provide free TB-related medical consultation, develop TB educational materials, and also provide training and technical assistance for TB program staff. 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). Upcoming courses are also listed below by Center. **(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.)**

The Heartland National Tuberculosis Center in San Antonio, Texas: Phone: 800-TEX-LUNG (800-839-5864) The new Heartland regional training courses will be posted soon. Watch for schedule updates at this website: <http://www.heartlandntbc.org>.

Francis J. Curry National Tuberculosis Center in San Francisco, California.

Phone: 415-502-4220. Website: <http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/>. Upcoming Courses include:

January 28, 2009 Web Course - IGRAs: Can They Replace the TST? (A Live, National Web-based Seminar)

Web-based seminar for healthcare professionals in the United States who use or are interested in using interferon gamma release assays (IGRAs) to diagnose TB infection. More information at:

<http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/training/nationalwebinar.cfm>

Tuberculosis Clinical Intensive:

This three-day course is scheduled for February 17-19, 2009 in San Francisco, CA. The course is designed for physicians and other licensed medical professionals who diagnose and treat tuberculosis (TB). Topics include: diagnosis, management, and treatment of active TB and latent tuberculosis infection, TB transmission and pathogenesis, pediatric TB, drug-resistant TB, infection control, and more. This course is approved for 18.5 Category 1 ACCME continuing education hours/nursing continuing education hours. For a complete course description and application information, please visit:

http://www.nationaltbcenter.ucsf.edu/training/tb_clinical_intensive.cfm Please submit your application as soon as possible. You can submit your application online by using the following website:

http://www.nationaltbcenter.ucsf.edu/training/TBCIFeb09_course_App.cfm The application form in PDF format can be downloaded from:

http://www.nationaltbcenter.ucsf.edu/training/tb_clinical_intensive_feb09.pdf All applications will be considered and participants will be informed of their registration status after the application deadline, .

San Francisco CA: Tuberculosis Case Management and Contact Investigation

The four-day training is scheduled for March 17-20, 2009. The course is for nurses, communicable

disease investigators, and medical social workers. Details and course application will be available 3 months before the course start date. SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTER NOW. The Francis J. Curry National Tuberculosis Center is holding a 90 minute web-based seminar to answer many questions about the use of interferon gamma release assays (IGRAs) to diagnose TB infection.

http://www.nationaltbcenter.ucsf.edu/training/schedule_2009.cfm

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

(On-Site) TB Clinical Case Conference: Challenging Cases from the Southeast **Date:** 1/21/2009 - 1/21/2009 - **Time:** 10:00 am - 12:00 pm EST - **Location:** AG Holley Hospital, 2nd FL Auditorium

Format: Webinar This case conference will highlight recent challenging TB cases presented by medical consultants from the southeast region. Group discussion will follow a detailed presentation of the case. . These conferences focus on some of the most complex and challenging cases of patients with TB. More information at: <http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/Training.aspx?Id=189>

Comprehensive Clinical TB Course

Date: 3/2/2009 - 3/5/2009. **Time:** 8:00 am - 5:00 pm daily. **Location:** AG Holley Hospital, 2nd FL Auditorium. **Cost:** \$300.00. **Format:** Clinical course. This 4-day comprehensive clinical TB course is held at A.G. Holley TB Hospital in Lantana, FL, and will familiarize TB staff with all aspects of TB infection, disease and clinical care.

Tuberculin Skin Test Train the Trainer Course March 2009

Date: 3/6/2009 - 3/6/2009. **Time:** 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. **Location:** AG Holley Hospital, 2nd FL Auditorium. **Cost:** \$50.00. **Format:** Workshop. This one-day, skill-building course provides trainers with the knowledge needed to plan, teach and evaluate a Mantoux Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) course.

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:

Empowering Case Managers: Assessing and Improving Staff Performance

Date: December 9-10, 2008 – Location, New York, NY. Target Audience: Supervising Case Managers in the NYC Bureau of TB control. Description: This 2-day course will review the roles and responsibilities of supervising case managers with a focus on assessing and improving staff performance utilizing lectures case studies and role plays. For more information please contact Valerie Gunn at (973) 972-9103 or via email at gunnvl@umdnj.edu.

Medical Update Web-Based Seminar: Management of TB in Elderly Patients

Date: December 16, 2008 – Target Audience: Physicians, nurses, and health care workers who are involved in the management and care of patients with tuberculosis and/or elderly patients. Description: This interactive web-based seminar is intended to bring awareness to the difficulties in diagnosing and treating tuberculosis in the elderly. For more information or to register, please visit:

<http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses.htm> or contact Valerie Gunn at (973) 972-9103 or via email at gunnvl@umdnj.edu

TB Case Management and Contact Investigation for Nurses

Date: Feb 25-26, 2009 – Location, Newark, NJ. Target Audience: Nurses who care for patients with tuberculosis. Description: This is an interactive workshop designed to enhance TB case management and contact interviewing skills of the nurses who attend. For more information or to register, please visit: <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses.htm> or contact DJ McCabe at (973) 972-0978 or via email at mccabedj@umdnj.edu

Effective TB Interviewing for Contact Investigation

Date: March 3-5, 2009 – Location, Newark, NJ. Target Audience: health care workers who interview TB patients for the purpose of contact investigation. Description: An interactive three-day course that covers the principles of effective communication, interviewing, and contact investigation related to tuberculosis. The format includes lectures, group discussions and exercises, role playing and standardized patient interviews. For more information please visit: <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses.htm> or contact Valerie Gunn at (973) 972-9103 or via email at gunnv1@umdnj.edu

TB Intensive Workshop

Date April 28-30, 2009 – Location: Newark, NJ. Target Audience licensed healthcare professionals who are actively engaged in the management of patients with tuberculosis or TB control staff responsible for program management- Description: This workshop covers key topics in management and treatment of tuberculosis including epidemiology, transmission & pathogenesis, diagnosis and treatment of TB, 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. . For more information please visit: <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses.htm> or contact Anita Khilall at (973) 972-9102 or via email at khilalan@umdnj.edu

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