



6/2/08 TB WIRE

STOP TB USA was formerly known as the National Coalition for Elimination of Tuberculosis (NCET).

REMINDER: NCET ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 11 IN ATLANTA!

You are invited to attend the **STOP TB USA** coalition's annual meeting from 12:30 – 2:00 pm on Wednesday, June 11, immediately following the morning session of the annual CDC National TB Controllers meeting (in the same room) at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia in Atlanta (Dunwoody), Georgia. At this annual meeting we will hold the elections for the new coalition Chair and Chair-Elect positions. We will also address the recent coalition activities and the status of current TB-related authorizations bills and TB appropriations. Please join us and share your ideas as we discuss future directions and participation in the coalition.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RESULTS' JOANNE CARTER!

The Board of Directors of RESULTS has informed us that Joanne Carter, current RESULTS Associate Executive Director, has been selected to be the new Executive Director for the organization. Joanne Carter has been very active with RESULTS in working with **STOP TB USA** and our other partners in TB advocacy efforts. Joanne Carter is well known among the TB world as an active and key partner in advocating for both domestic and global TB resources and actions! She will be replacing Chris Naylor who has announced her intention to resign from RESULTS to pursue a unique opportunity to build a development, communications and management consulting group in Washington DC. We would also like to express our appreciation to Chris Naylor and wish her well in her new endeavors.

JUNE 9 IN NEW YORK: THE FIRST HIV/TB GLOBAL LEADERS FORUM!

The Global STOP TB partnership has announced that the first HIV/TB Global Leaders' Forum, will be held on June 9, 2008, at the United Nations in New York. The Forum will bring together decision-makers who can accelerate action on fighting HIV/TB. The meeting, which has been endorsed by the UN Secretary General, His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon, will be held on the eve of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS. The Forum will bring together heads of government, public health and business leaders, heads of UN agencies and civil society. For additional information please visit the web site of the Forum, which is now live at: <http://www.stoptb.org/events/hivtbleaders/default.html>.

EXTERNAL EVALUATION OF GLOBAL STOP TB PARTNERSHIP

The Global STOP TB Partnership has reported that the Independent External Evaluation of the Stop TB Partnership has now been completed by McKinsey & Co and approved by the Coordinating Board. The report concludes there is strong evidence that the Partnership adds great value to the work of all the Stop TB Partners in helping them achieve results that would not have been possible for individual stakeholders. "The Partnership has contributed significantly to the effort to stop tuberculosis," the Executive Summary states. "Because of the Partnership's contributions, the progress in global tuberculosis and research over 2001-2006 has been greater than it would have been without the Partnership." Dr. Espinal notes that: "There are, however, challenges to be addressed in order to keep the Partnership working successfully and even take it to a higher level. The External Evaluation contains a number of concrete recommendations on the way forward for the Partnership, and we will act on them. Together we can move the Partnership into new frontiers." **STOP TB USA** congratulates Dr Marcos A Espinal and

the Global STOP TB Partnership on this excellent report. The report is available at:
http://www.stoptb.org/resource_center/documents.asp

FROM ATS: OMB REVERSES GRANT APPROVAL REQUIREMENT DECISION

Good news from our partners in the American Thoracic Society (ATS) Washington Office: Earlier this month, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a revised determination on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Tuberculosis Epidemiological Studies Consortium (TBESC) required compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. In April, CDC announced that TBESC grantees would need OMB review and approval of all grants, which would have caused a major delay in the consortium's operation. In response ATS and TBESC grantee shared concerns about the impact of the new requirement and a review of the TBESC's history. OMB came to the understanding that the activities under the program are granted exemption from compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. On May 13, OMB issued a revised determination clarifying that OMB Clearance will not be required for TBESC grantee task orders.

TEACHERS OF TUBERCULOSIS (TOT) PROJECT

Many readers of this **TB WIRE** are involved as TB education faculty for physicians, baccalaureate nurses, advanced practice nurses, physician assistants, respiratory therapists, pharmacists, clinical laboratory scientists, and public health professionals. If you are one of these, please sign up for the TOT e-mail list so that they may communicate with you directly about their educational products. Please send contact information to them at: ntcc@ucsd.edu. **If you are not currently involved in this TB teaching, please consider passing this information on to your TB colleagues who are involved in TB education.** We hope you will find the NTCC educational products useful and easy to incorporate into curricula for your programs.

The National Tuberculosis Curriculum Consortium (NTCC) was funded by the National Institutes of Health National Heart Lung and Blood Institute in 2003 to improve the teaching of tuberculosis to undergraduate students of medicine, nursing and allied health students. Headquarters for the NTCC are at the University of California San Diego. The Project Director is Antonino Catanzaro, MD. Consortium members include over 35 faculty in schools of medicine, nursing, and allied health in 25 universities within the United States.

Over the past three years, the NTCC has developed many educational products using active-learning methodologies. Product lines include knowledge and skills competencies for tuberculosis, clinical case descriptions, computerized cases, an image bank with radiographs, visuals of laboratory tests, etc., and questions/answers/teaching points about tuberculosis. Scripts for standardized patient care are also in development. These products are available for free on the NTCC website at: <http://ntcc.ucsd.edu/>. The NTCC has been quite successful in informing the health care community about the NTCC by reaching out to our colleagues through professional meetings and national, regional, and state conferences in all eight of our disciplines. They are now attempting to identify **individual faculty members** who are responsible for teaching their students about tuberculosis or teach subject areas that could be taught using TB as a model.

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). **(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 their websites below for upcoming courses.

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/courses.htm>.

Upcoming Courses include:

The TB Cohort Review Process:

Dates: July 16-17, 2008; Location: Philadelphia, PA. Course Description: This is a 1½ day course for selected teams of TB controllers, program managers, clinicians, and epidemiologists – especially from cities, counties, or states with a medium or high incidence of TB. You will learn the theory and practice of the “cohort review” method, originally designed by Dr. Karel Styblo, to systematically analyze treatment outcomes of every documented TB case in your program area. This useful approach serves several purposes: staff motivation, quality improvement, training needs assessment, and program evaluation. Target Audience: TB controllers, program managers, clinicians, and epidemiologists. For more information, or to obtain an application please visit:

<http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses/brochures/tbcohort.htm>. You may also contact Bill Bower at (212) 939-8258 or blb3@columbia.edu for additional information.

Tuberculosis Case Management and Contact Investigation for Nurses:

Dates: July 29-30, 2008.

Target Audience: Nurses who provide case management for patients with tuberculosis. This training covers the principles of nurse case management and contact investigation as they relate to the care of patients with tuberculosis. The format includes lecture, group exercises, role-playing and simulated patient interviews. This two-day, interactive workshop is designed to enhance the case management and contact investigation skills of the nurses who attend. For more information, or to obtain an application please visit: <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses/brochures/2008tbcasemgmt.htm>. You may also contact DJ McCabe at: mccabedj@umdnj.edu or by phone at 973-972-0978.

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

Registration Is Now Open

Responding to a TB Event in a Low Incidence Area:

June 24-25, 2008. Location: Bismarck, North Dakota. Target Audience: TB health care workers whose responsibilities include contact investigations during a TB event, medical management of contacts, and developing and/or managing their unit’s response to TB cases. Contact Lead Educator:

erica.orosco@uthct.edu. Download brochure at:

http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training/brochure_bismarck_nd_24_jun_2008.pdf.

NEW National Webinar: Pediatric TB:

June 27, 2008; 12:30-2:00 pm (CST), 1:30-3:00 p m (EST), 11:30 am-1:00 pm (MST), 10:30 am-12:00 pm (PST). Target Audience: TB program staff and clinical personnel including physicians, nurses and healthcare workers who treat and manage pediatric patients infected with tuberculosis. Contact Lead educator: jessica.quintero@uthct.edu. Download brochure at:

http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training/brochure_pediatric_tb_27_jun_2008.pdf.

Preventing TB on a College Campus:

July 22, 2008. Location: Springfield, Illinois. Target Audience: Public health departments and college health care workers or program mangers involved in implementing tuberculosis prevention policies on a college campus. Contact Lead Educator: jessica.quintero@uthct.edu. Download brochure at:

http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training/brochure_springfield_il_22_jul_2008.pdf.

Becoming a TB Nurse Expert:

July 30-31, 2008. Location: San Antonio, Texas. Target Audience: The nurse expert who is actively engaged in the management of patients with, or at risk of, tuberculosis and has previously attended *TB Intensive* or *TB Nurse Case Management* taught by Heartland. Experience of at least 4 years in the field

of TB patient case management may be substituted for course attendance. Contact Lead Educator: <mailto:maria.robles@uthct.edu>. Download brochure at: http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training/brochure_san_antonio_tx_30_jul_2008.pdf.

TB Nurse Case Management:

July 22-23, 2008. Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico. 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. New Mexico nurses are required to attend a follow-up meeting on the morning of July 24th to review state-specific TB nurse case management issues, new protocols and updated forms. Contact Lead Educator: luara.muraida@uthct.edu Download brochure at: http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training/brochure_albuquerque_nm_22_jul_2008.pdf.

Save These Dates!

TB Intensive:

September 23-26, 2008. Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota. Target Audience: Physicians and nurse experts who are actively engaged in the management of patients with, or at risk of, tuberculosis. Contact Lead Educator: erica.orosco@uthct.edu. Download brochure at: http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training/brochure_minneapolis_mn_23_sep_2008.pdf. Registration opens June 30, 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: luara.muraida@uthct.edu. Download brochure at: http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training/brochure_norman_ok_08_oct_2008.pdf. Registration opens August 1, 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.

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

Tuberculosis Program Manager's Course;

July 22-25, 2008, San Francisco CA. Four-day intensive for nurses, physicians and other health professionals working as tuberculosis program managers. Credit: This course is approved for 22.25 continuing education contact hours. For nurses, physicians, and other health professionals working as tuberculosis program managers. The course covers (partial list): role of the program manager; epidemiology of tuberculosis (TB); treatment completion strategies; TB outbreaks; contact investigation; quality assurance; staff training and budgeting; infection control; program planning/grants; and monitoring and evaluation. Course objectives (partial list), by the end of the course, participants will be able to describe: role of program manager in preventing and controlling TB; key components of a TB surveillance system; strategies for treatment completion; principle steps of case management; usage of quality assurance activities to determine staff training and supervision needs; legal options for managing TB patients; basic principles of infection control and program planning process; and development of an evaluation plan, budget, and timeline. Course format includes: lecture, discussion, and case presentations. Individuals must participate in all four days of the course. Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is required. To apply, complete and fax the application form by June 3, 2008. Applicants will receive a letter indicating whether or not they have been accepted into the course. For further information check: http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/training/tb_program_manager_intensive.cfm.

Online Presentations and Products and Materials;

CNTC offers several self-paced online presentations that provide the learner with information, tools, and resources that can improve TB control and prevention practice. For further information on presentations please check:

<http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/courses/index.cfm> For further information on products and materials please check: <http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/products/index.cfm>.

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

Fans, Filters or Rays: Reconsidering TB Transmission and Control Interventions in the Era of HIV and XDR-TB.

Date: August 6, 2008 10:00 – 11:30 EDT. Location: Web-based Seminar. Target Audience: TB Program and Clinical Staff. Speakers: Ed Nardell, MD, Associate Professor, Harvard Medical School, Harvard School of Public Health. Discussion will include M. tuberculosis and aerobiology, air disinfection interventions, effective environmental infection control procedures and research attempts to quantify TB transmission. Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to: (1) Define factors which affect M. tuberculosis transmission and aerobiology; (2) Describe the research attempts used to quantify TB transmission using a modeling approach and describe the intervention combination which effectively decreased transmission of TB; and (3) Describe current air disinfection interventions and effective environmental infection control procedures. Registration information for this web-based seminar is available on the SNTC website: <http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/training.aspx>. You may also contact the SNTC for additional information. 1-888-265-7682.

Morbidity and Mortality Review: A Clinical, Web-based Educational Opportunity.

Dates: August 6, 2008 12:30 – 2:00 PM EDT. Location: Web-based Seminar. Target Audience: Pediatricians, Family Physicians, Physician's Assistants, ARNP, other private sector health care personnel, TB control staff, Nurses. Moderated by David Ashkin, MD, Medical Director, SNTC, Medical Executive Director, AG Holley TB Hospital, Deputy State TB Health Officer, Florida. Extend your education regarding TB as you join medical staff at A.G. Holley TB Hospital as they conduct a quarterly Morbidity and Mortality (M & M) Review. These conferences focus on some of the most complex and challenging cases of patients with tuberculosis who are receiving their care at the AG Holley Hospital. The lectures provide unique opportunities to learn about drug resistance, TB/HIV co-infection, substance abuse and adverse drug effects in a case-based format. The M & M review is a traditional educational forum for healthcare professionals practicing in hospital settings. However, with the web-based technology, healthcare professionals working in community public health settings or academic health centers can also take advantage of this educational opportunity from anywhere! Registration information for this web-based seminar is available on the SNTC website at: <http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/training.aspx>. You may also contact the SNTC for additional information. 1-888-265-7682.

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. The content will provide tips to facilitate a discharge planning process with a goal of improving completion of treatment through discussion and exercises, participants will be able to effectively identify TB cases and contacts, make referrals as appropriate, participate in various aspects of a corrections contact investigation, and ensure an inmate's continuity of care upon release to the community or to other facilities. Registration information for this course is available on the

SNTC website at <http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/training/asp>" <http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/training/asp>. 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. Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to: (1) understand current guidelines for the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of tuberculosis, including specialties of MDR-TB, pediatric TB, surgical intervention of TB and HIV/TB co-infection; (2) identify resources available on the local, state and national level to assist with patient management and LTBI treatment efforts; and (3) identify populations at high risk for LTBI and TB disease, and strategies to target these populations. 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.

TST Train-the-Trainer Course.

Date: September 12, 2008. Location: AG Holley TB Hospital, Lantana, Florida. Target Audience: Nurses and other licensed healthcare personnel responsible for training others on administering a TST. Speakers: SNTC Staff. This 1 day course, skill-building course provides the knowledge needed to plan, teach and evaluate a Mantoux Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) course. The course includes skills for planning and conducting a TST training including adult learning principles and teaching strategies. The curriculum is provided through lecture and participatory activities, including practicum in TST administration and reading and instructional skills demonstration. Each participant must demonstrate proficiency in delivering course content plus administering and reading the TST. Participants will receive feedback from experienced trainers as they practice these skills. Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to (1) demonstrate the principles of adult learning through teaching the skill of tuberculin skin testing; (2) discuss the logistics of planning and conducting a TST training; (3) select and utilize appropriate training resources; and (4) demonstrate instructional skills during a trainer-learning simulation. Participants must have a basic knowledge of tuberculosis and TST concepts, including experience in administering, reading and interpreting Mantoux TSTs. Enrollment is limited and pre-registration required. 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.

September 30-October 2, 2008. Location: AG Holley TB Hospital, Lantana, Florida. Target Audience: 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. Speakers: SNTC Staff and Affiliate Faculty. This course was designed to improve the planning and managerial capabilities of TB program managers throughout the southeast. It was structured to include lectures, discussions, case presentations, role playing, and group exercises and is taught by SNTC staff and affiliate faculty throughout the region. Topics Include: Role of the program manager; Principles of TB control; Program evaluation; TB surveillance and epidemiology; Program planning and funding; Leadership and employee development; Training and education; Targeted testing/special populations; TB case management; TB contact investigations guidelines; Legal and ethical issues and Infection control. You may also contact the SNTC for additional information. 1-888-265-7682.

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