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A *Call for Action on the Tuberculosis Elimination Plan*, as well as the latest TB Advocacy Action Alerts, and TB WIRE's are available on the Stop TB USA website at: <http://www.stoptbusa.org/>

NATIONAL SUMMIT of CLINICIANS for HEALTH CARE JUSTICE

The Migrant Clinicians Network cordially invites you to The National Summit of Clinicians for Healthcare Justice, September 23-25, 2010 in Washington DC. The National Summit of Clinicians for Healthcare Justice is a one-of-a-kind event sponsored by many of the major safety-net clinician organizations from across the United States: Migrant Clinicians Network; National Center for Primary Care at Morehouse School of Medicine; National Association of Community Health Centers; Healthcare for the Homeless Clinicians Network; Clinical Directors Network; Association of Clinicians for the Underserved; and Midwest Clinicians Network. The conference provides an opportunity for clinicians and others to explore cutting edge solutions and to be a part of the vital efforts to make quality health care for the underserved a reality. Former Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher will convene a group of current and former Surgeon Generals to address critical health justice issues at this event. Additionally, organizers have confirmed the participation of nationally renowned faculty for dynamic plenary and panel discussions, including Dr. Jack Geiger and Dr. Linda Rae Murray. Don't miss this very important event! For more information and to confirm your reservation visit www.allclinicians.org

REGIONAL TB TRAINING AND MEDICAL CONSULTATION CENTERS (RTMCCs):

The CDC funded Regional TB 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. **(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.)** Updated information about upcoming TB training courses and available TB-related materials is available on each Center's website. Listed below are upcoming training courses.

The Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center in Gainesville, Florida: Phone: 1-888-265-7682 Website: <http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/> Medical Consultation: 1-800-4TB-INFO (1-800-482-4636).

Online: Grand Rounds Webinar: What's the Role of Fluoroquinolones in the Treatment of TB?: A Look at the Evidence. 8/27/2010; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Eastern. Lantana, Florida. **Cost:** No Charge. Format: On-Location & Webinar. Upon completion of this training, participants will be familiar with: The mechanism of action of Fluoroquinolones in the treatment of tuberculosis, medical trials investigating the role of Fluoroquinolones in the treatment of tuberculosis, and current recommendations and potential future roles of Fluoroquinolones in the treatment of tuberculosis. For more information check the following website: <http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/Training.aspx>

Online: TB Morbidity and Mortality Review: August: 8/27/2010 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Eastern. This traditional educational forum for health care professionals practicing in hospital settings is available for health care professionals working in the community through distance learning technology. Join the health care staff at A.G. Holly State Hospital as they conduct a quarterly review of some of their most complex and challenging cases of patients with TB. This is a unique opportunity to learn about drug resistance, TB/HIV co-infection, substance abuse, and adverse drug effects in a case – based format. For more information check the following website: <http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/Training.aspx>

Online: Keeping With the Pace HIV/AIDS Update - September 1st. Location: Online and Gainesville, Florida. 9/1/2010 - 9/1/2010. 12:30 - 4:45pm. **Cost:** No Charge. **Who should attend:** Physicians, physician assistants, pharmacists, nurses, nurse practitioners, dentists, case managers, health educators, social workers, mental health counselors, and other health professionals. One of the key topics is Drug-Drug Interactions to TB Drugs in HIV Patients. For more information, check: <http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/TrainingOther.aspx?Id=244>

New Jersey Medical School Global Tuberculosis Institute in Newark, New Jersey: Phone: 973-972-3270 Medical Consultation: 1-800-482-3627. Website: <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses.htm>

TB Intensive Workshop: Newark, NJ. September 14-16. The purpose of this training is to provide clinicians with comprehensive information on the management and treatment of TB. Topics will include epidemiology, transmission & pathogenesis, diagnosis and treatment of TB, TB in children and adolescents, multi-drug resistant tuberculosis, TB/HIV co-infection, surgical treatment of TB, and key aspects of patient management. The format includes lectures, discussions, and case studies. This workshop is designed for physicians, nurses and healthcare professionals who are involved in the management of patients with TB, supervise those who provide care for TB patients, or are TB control staff responsible for program management. For more information, check the following website: <http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses/brochures/tbintensive-fall2010.html>

TB Intensive Workshop: Lansing, MI. September 30 – October 1. See above course description. For more information on this course please contact D.J. McCabe at 973-972-0978 or mccabedj@umdnj.edu

Case Finding to Case-Preventing: Challenges and Opportunities: September 29, 2010: Hoagland-Pincus Conference Center, Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. This training will focus on latent Tuberculosis infection (LTBI) and building the partnerships needed to engage communities, increase case detection, and facilitate treatment of Tuberculosis. The morning portion will cover risk assessment, screening, and treatment for LTBI, including new diagnostic tests. The afternoon will feature an interactive exercise focusing on building community partnerships.

This course is designed for nurses, physicians, and public health professionals. For more information check the following website:

<http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses/brochures/regionaltbupdate2010.html>

TB Cohort Review Process: November 17-18, 2020. Location: Kellogg Conference Hotel at Gallaudet University, Washington, DC. The purpose of this one and one-half-day course is to provide TB program leaders, managers, and clinicians with the necessary knowledge and skills to lead TB cohort reviews in their program areas. The course covers principles of the TB cohort review process, guidance from CDC regarding this requirement in the cooperative agreement, impact of cohort reviews, and planning for implementation in local program areas. The format includes lectures, observation of an actual cohort review, group discussions, individual and group exercises, use of computers to enter, analyze and report cohort data, and an outline for planning for adaptation and implementation. This course is designed for teams of TB controllers, program managers, physicians and nurses, and epidemiologists or data analysts. For more information, check:

<http://www.umdnj.edu/globaltb/courses/brochures/tbcohort-fall-2010.html>

The Heartland National Tuberculosis Center in San Antonio, Texas:

Phone: 1-800-TEX-LUNG Website: <http://www.heartlandntbc.org> FAX Medical Consultation: 210-531-4500. FAX Administration/Training: 210-531-4590

Contact Investigation Overview and Updates: A Webinar; August 26, 2010. (Registration Now Open) Times: 12:00 – 1:30 pm (CST). Application Deadline: August 20, 2010. This webinar is intended for TB program staff, including nurses and healthcare workers, who conduct or manage TB contact investigations. It will provide an overview of how to manage and document a contact investigation in high and low incidence areas. For more information, contact Jessica Quintero, Heartland National TB Center. E-mail: jessica.quintero@uthct.edu or 210-531-4568; or access the Web site at <http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training.asp#webinar>

Handling TB and HIV Co-Infection: September 15-16, 2010. (Registration Now Open) Location: Fargo, North Dakota. Application Deadline: August 25, 2010. This course is designed for physicians, nurses, and other health care workers (counseling nurses, HIV case managers) who manage TB patients co-infected with HIV. It will enhance the clinician's knowledge and skills through an overview of HIV infection, latent TB infection, and TB disease by discussing diagnosis and treatment; jointly managing

HIV and TB drug therapies; drug side effects and toxicities; and HIV Opt Out policies and recommendations. There is no fee, but enrollment is limited. Pre-registration is required. Continuing education credits are available. For more information, contact Robert Granger, Heartland National TB Center. Email: Robert.granger@uthct.edu or 210-531-4509; or access the Web site at <http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training.asp>

Advanced TB Nurse Case Management October 19, 2010; Location: St. Paul, Minnesota. Registrations Opens: August 17, 2010. Application Deadline: September 20, 2010. This course is intended for TB program managers, TB nurse case managers, and local health department nurses responsible for the management of patients with, or suspected of, tuberculosis. This is not an introductory course. It is recommended that nursing participants attend a Nurse Case Management course before attending this training or have extensive experience managing TB patients. There is no fee, but enrollment is limited. Pre-registration is required. Continuing education credits are available. For more information, contact Jessica Quintero, Heartland National TB Center. E-mail: jessica.quintero@uthct.edu or 210-531-4568; or access the Web site at <http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training.asp>

TB Nurse Case Management: November 3-5, 2010; Location: San Antonio, Texas. Registration Opens: August 23, 2010. Application Deadline: October 13, 2010. This two and a half day training targets public health TB nurses and program managers who are actively engaged in the case management, identification, and treatment of patients with TB infection or disease. This course will provide an in-depth coverage of the evaluation, treatment, and case management of medically and psychosocially difficult-to-treat patients. Participants will be able to competently diagnose and manage latent TB infection and TB disease; monitor response to treatment; perform drug toxicity assessments; identify and manage foreign-born and persons at risk for TB; diagnose and manage TB in pediatric, HIV-positive and correctional patients; perform case review and quality assurance; balance responsibilities for public health with patient's needs; assess adequate infection control measures; and prevent non-compliance through use of DOT and enablers. In addition, the last part of the course will include a hands-on skill building session on the tuberculin skin test. There is no fee, but enrollment is limited. Pre-registration is required. Continuing education credits are available. For more information, contact Jessica Quintero, Heartland National TB Center. E-mail: jessica.quintero@uthct.edu or 210-531-4568; or access the Web site at <http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training.asp>

Substance Abuse and Tuberculosis: November 17, 2010; Location: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Registration Opens: September 1, 2010. Application Deadline: October 13, 2010. This course is intended for the health care worker, including physicians and nurses, who manage and treat patients with underlying substance abuse issues who have or are at risk of tuberculosis. The course will enhance the clinician's ability to recognize and effectively manage substance abuse in the TB patient. In addition it will raise the awareness of the risk of tuberculosis in substance abusers by emphasizing early diagnosis and treatment. There is no fee, but enrollment is limited. Pre-registration is required. Continuing education credits are available. For more information, contact Robert Granger, Heartland National TB Center.

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TB Intensive: Sponsor: Heartland National TB Center. December 1-3, 2010. Location: San Antonio, Texas. Registration Opens: September 15, 2010. Application Deadline: November 10, 2010. This three day course targets physicians and nurse experts who are actively engaged in the management of patients who have or are at risk of, TB. The goal of the course is to enhance the expertise of providers to improve the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and management of patients of all ages with TB. There is no fee, but enrollment is limited. Pre-registration is required. Continuing education credits are available. For more information, contact Robert Granger, Heartland National TB Center. Email: Robert.granger@uthct.edu or 210-531-4509; or access the Web site at <http://www.heartlandntbc.org/training.asp>

Francis J. Curry National Tuberculosis Center in San Francisco, California. Phone: 415-502-4220. Website: <http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/> Medical consultation: 1-877-390-6682

Tuberculosis Clinical Intensive: September 21-23, 2010. San Francisco CA. This is a three-day intensive for physicians and other licensed medical professionals who diagnose and treat tuberculosis. This three-day 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, and more. This course is approved for 19.50 Category 1 ACCME continuing education hours/nursing continuing education hours. For more information check the following website: http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/training/tb_clinical_intensive.cfm

Tuberculosis Case Management and Contact Investigation: October 12-15, 2010. San Francisco CA. This is a four-day training for nurses, communicable disease investigators, and medical social workers. For more information, check: <http://www.nationaltbcenter.edu/training/tbcmcioc10.cfm>

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