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Mayo Clinic Center for Tuberculosis (MCCT)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Select links below for details

[Clinical Intensive](#)

October 16-17, 2023
Rochester, MN
In-person

[Bi-State Infectious Disease Conference](#)

October 27, 2023
St. Louis, MO
In-person

[Pacific Islands TB Controllers Association \(PITCA\) Conference](#)

Oct. 31-Nov. 4, 2023
American Samoa
In-person

[Contact Investigation Interviewing Skills Course](#)

Nov. 28-Dec. 1, 2023
Rochester, MN
In-person

[Tuberculosis in People with HIV](#)

December 1, 2023
Virtual Webinar



Our First Issue!

Welcome to the first issue of the TB Times, a monthly newsletter dedicated to the critical mission of tuberculosis (TB) education and prevention. As a designated CDC-funded TB Center of Excellence (TB COE), we are committed to increasing knowledge, skills, and abilities for TB prevention through in-person and virtual training, as well as improving sustainable evidence-based TB practices and patient care through provision of expert medical consultation.

Each newsletter will include event announcements, updates on the latest TB research, and highlights of our region's collaborative efforts in the fight against TB. We have already had the opportunity to partner with many colleagues from across our region, and we look forward to getting to know more of you through our collective passion to treat and prevent TB.

Your Voice Matters

As your regional TB COE, we are seeking input to better understand the training, education, medical consultation, and product needs among our TB stakeholders. We invite you to participate in the [MCCT Tuberculosis Needs Assessment Survey](#).

We anticipate the survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. All responses will remain confidential and will be used solely for program development purposes. The survey will be open until Friday, October 27, 2023. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Global Action

On September 22, 2023 at the United Nations Headquarters, world leaders, civil society representatives and other stakeholders approved ambitious new targets with a pledge to end TB by 2030. Watch this [motivational speech](#) by Dennis Francis, President of the General Assembly.

You can learn more about the objectives of this recently approved declaration in the [World Health Organization's Status Update](#) document.



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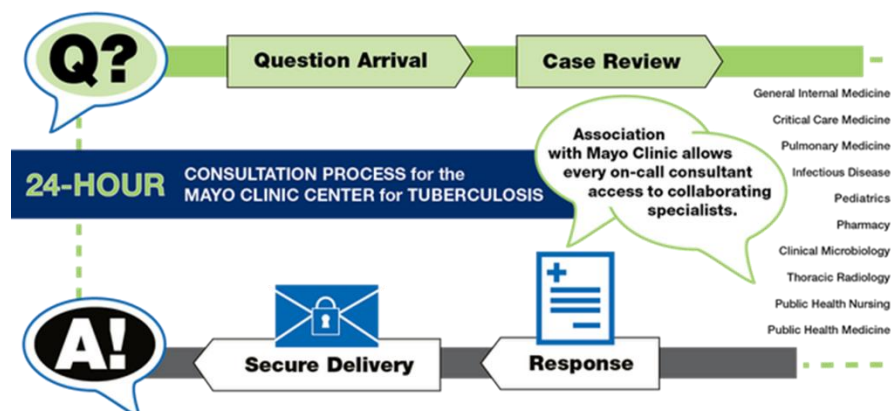
Meet Our Team

Our dedicated team, comprised of healthcare professionals and education specialists, forms the cornerstone of our commitment to combating TB. Our collective expertise spans medical research, patient care, and educational outreach.

Together, we strive to bring you the most accurate and comprehensive information on TB prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. We hope you see us as collaborative partners as we work with TB programs and other partners in the region to increase TB knowledge and skills, provide tools, and empower health workers to meet the demands of their challenging roles in TB prevention and treatment.

Medical Consultation

MCCT provides expert medical consultation to public health and medical professionals in our assigned region. We have colleagues with expertise in public health nursing, pharmacy, laboratory, occupational health, pediatrics, and radiology just to name a few.



Q and A Series

We're excited to introduce a Q&A series tailored just for you. We invite you to be active participants in shaping the content of our newsletter. We will do our best to provide clarity on your TB related questions and include your topic suggestions.

Simply submit your questions and suggestions at [TB Times Q&A Suggestion](#). Each issue we will feature responses to your inquiries, making this newsletter a true reflection of your needs.

Mini Fellowships

As part of the TB COE initiatives, MCCT is providing mini-fellowship opportunities for healthcare professionals seeking to deepen their understanding of TB.

Experiences will be curated to meet individual learning needs. Some experiences that may be offered include shadowing healthcare professionals as they interact with patients, observing directly observed therapy (DOT), and participating in TB case reviews.

You can find out more information by emailing tbcenter@mayo.edu. To be considered for a mini-fellowship, please submit an [application here](#).

How to Request a Medical Consultation

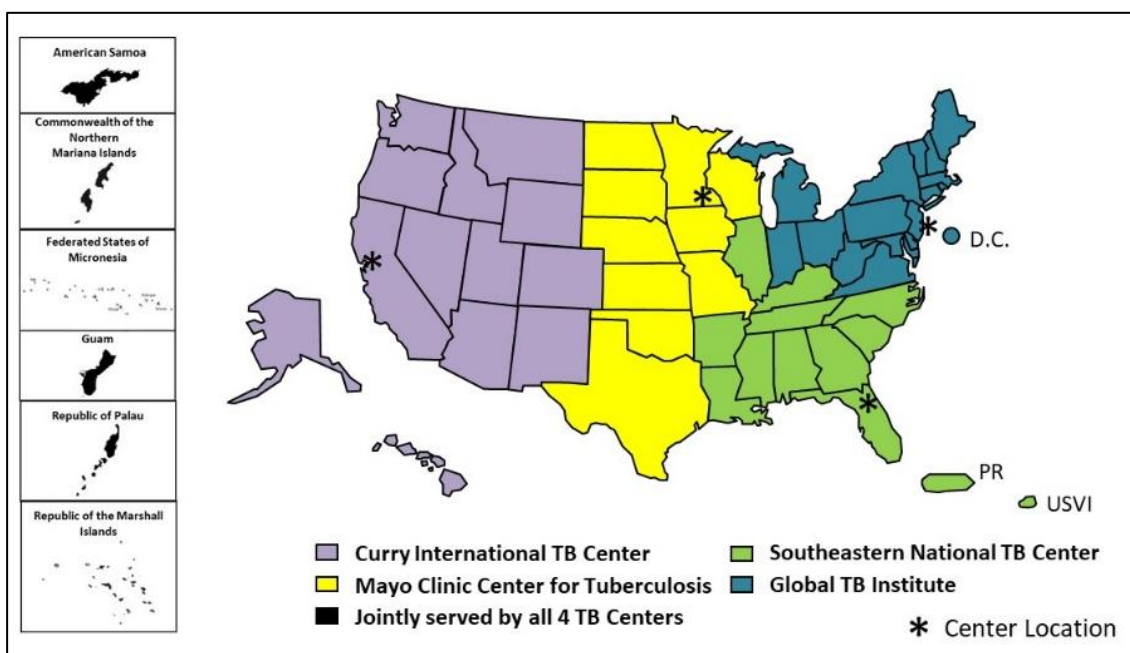
Consultations can be requested using one of the following options:

- Email tbcenter@mayo.edu
- Submit at [IDCrowd Platform](#)
- Call 507-284-0275

IDCrowd is a new platform for submitting requests used by all TB COEs. If you are using IDCrowd for the first time, choose the option to register for a new membership. Additional information on how to submit a request can be found [here](#).

Our Region

Mayo Clinic Center for Tuberculosis (MCCT) is a CDC funded TB Center of Excellence (TB COE) serving Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Wisconsin and the city of Houston.



Mission

The mission of MCCT is to contribute in a meaningful way to the management and elimination of tuberculosis regionally, nationally, and globally by focusing on two major priorities:

- Increasing knowledge, skills, and abilities for TB prevention.
- Improving sustainable evidence-based TB practices and patient care.

Educational Requests

MCCT is able to support a variety of TB related needs including virtual and in-person training, educational material development, and technical assistance. Please contact us to discuss ways we can support your work in treating and preventing tuberculosis.



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