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UPCOMING EVENTS

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[Pediatric TB:
Radiologic
Considerations](#)
January 26, 2024
Webinar

[2024 Civil Surgeons
Webinar Series](#)
Coming soon!

[National
Tuberculosis
Coalition of America
\(NTCA\)](#)
April 16-19, 2024
Baltimore, MD
In-person

[Clinical Intensive](#)
October 21-22, 2024
Rochester, MN
In-Person



Wishing You a Happy Holiday

As we approach the holiday season, we extend our warmest wishes to everyone. In the spirit of joy and togetherness, we hope this special time brings you moments of peace, love, and good health. In our ongoing commitment to promoting health and well-being, we express gratitude for your support and collaboration. Happy holidays from the Mayo Clinic Center for Tuberculosis!

Training Updates

[TB Contact Investigation Interviewing Skills Course](#)

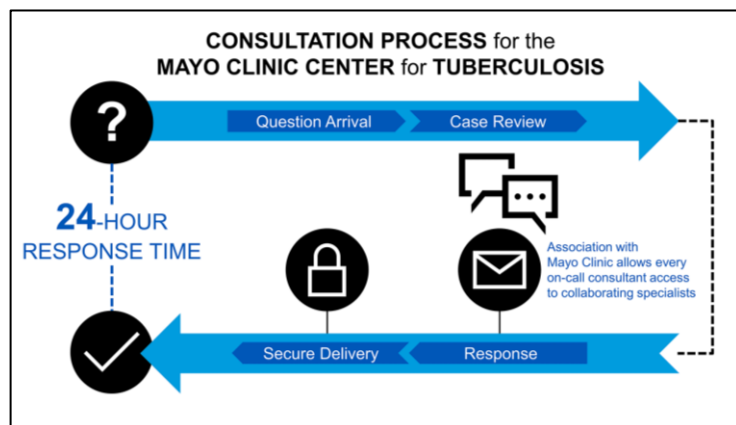
We hosted our first TB Contact Investigation Interviewing Skills Course at the end of November. This training provided multiple opportunities to practice conducting TB interviews through role play scenarios. Thank you to everyone who participated in this learning experience! We hope to provide similar trainings in the upcoming year.

[December Webinars](#)

In early December, we hosted two insightful webinars that delved into critical aspects of tuberculosis. The first webinar focused on the intersection of [TB and HIV](#), providing valuable insights into the challenges and advancements in managing these dual health concerns. The second webinar explored the relationship between [tuberculosis and the eye](#), shedding light on the complexities of TB manifestations in ocular health.

Both webinars were recorded and are available for viewing. Participants will have the opportunity to gain continuing education credits for both webinars.





Medical Consultation Reminders

When submitting a TB medical consultation, we kindly ask requestors to include essential contact information for efficient communication. Please ensure to provide your full name, hospital name, along with the corresponding address and phone number. This information will facilitate a prompt and accurate response to your query.



From CDC

CDC is Hiring!

The CDC Division of TB Elimination is seeking exceptional candidates for 2 positions of Chief, Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Outbreak Investigations Branch (SEOIB). The positions are posted on USAJobs and will close on December 18, 2023. All eligible persons are encouraged to apply.

- [Supervisory Epidemiologist](#)
- [Supervisory Physician](#)

BAM Closure

The BPAL Accelerated Monitoring (BAM) Project, assessing pretomanid in the 6-month, all-oral BPAL regimen for multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR TB) in the U.S., is ending. The 2020 Report of Verified Case of Tuberculosis (RVCT) now includes data elements from the BAM Project for TB cases counted in 2023. The interim report (NEJM 2022) and final results (NTCA 2023) are available. For future technical assistance with reporting BPAL regimens, contact your jurisdiction's DTBE surveillance point of contact. The BAMproject@cdc.gov mailbox will be deactivated. Read the full article attached for detailed information and updates.

TB Personal Stories

Discover the resilience, courage, and triumph over tuberculosis in the [TB Personal Stories Series](#), found on the CDC website. Immerse yourself in the narratives of individuals who have faced the challenges of tuberculosis head-on, offering a personal and inspiring perspective on their journeys.

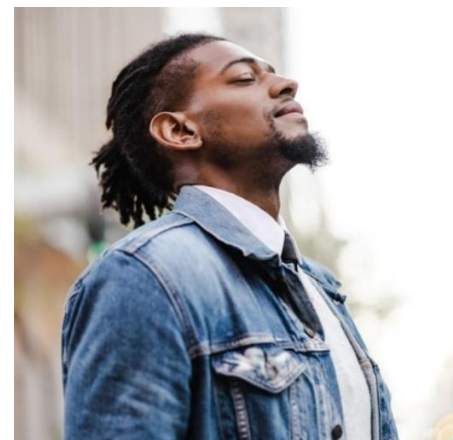
These compelling stories not only shed light on the impact of tuberculosis but also highlight the importance of awareness, prevention, and support. Join us in raising awareness and fostering a community of understanding by exploring the TB Personal Stories Series – a powerful testament to the strength of the human spirit and the strides we can make in the fight against tuberculosis.

TB Mini-Fellowship

Unlock unparalleled learning experiences in TB through MCCT's mini fellowships!

Tailored to your needs, these opportunities offer hands-on experiences like shadowing professionals, observing DOT, and engaging in TB case reviews.

Please email tbcenter@mayo.edu to learn more!



Q and A Series

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.

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.



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.

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](#).

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](#).

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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