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Mayo Clinic Center for Tuberculosis (MCCT)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[Contact Investigation Interviewing Skills Course](#)

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

[Tuberculosis in People with HIV](#)

December 1, 2023
Virtual Webinar

[TB and the Eye](#)

December 5 2023
Virtual Webinar

[2024 Tuberculosis Conference](#)

April 16-19, 2024
Baltimore, MD, USA
In-person



PITCA 2023

Training Highlights

PITCA

At the end of October, several of our MCCT team attended the Pacific Islands Tuberculosis Controllers Association (PITCA) Conference in American Samoa. This experience was full of learning and laughter. We are so grateful to the American Samoan community for such a warm welcome and allowing us to be part of their beautiful culture.

Clinical Intensive

We recently hosted our first Clinical Intensive in Rochester, MN. Thanks to those of you who could attend! We look forward to providing this training again as well as traveling regionally so that more individuals have an opportunity to take part. Save the date for our next TB Clinical Intensive on October 21-22, 2024. Click [here](#) to be notified when registration opens.



Bi-State ID Conference

Congratulations to Missouri and Illinois for their hard work in hosting the annual Bi-State Infectious Disease Conference in St. Louis, MO on October 27th. There were over one hundred attendees and a wide range of sessions to choose from. Thank you for letting MCCT be part of this outstanding event.

New CDC Analysis Just Released

The CDC just released a new report on TB practices of healthcare professionals. The report provides good insight into the decisions of healthcare providers when screening and treating TB. You can read the full report [here](#).

Calling for Nurse Coaches

We are currently developing a Nurse Case Management Course that will be a blend of online learning and clinical experience. If you are interested in being a coach, please email us at tbcenter@mayo.edu to learn more about this opportunity.

U.S. Adjustment of Status Medical Examination Information

Drew Posey of the US Public Health Service's Immigrant and Refugee Health Branch announced that starting November 1st, civil surgeons will begin using eMedical to enter the results of the status adjustment medical examination for applicants with TB classifications. State and local TB control programs will receive notifications through the CDC's [Electronic Disease Notification \(EDN\) system](#) for individuals applying for permanent U.S. residency and have Class B TB classification. The hope is that this new process will help TB programs utilize resources more effectively and give state and local health departments access to more comprehensive information. You can read the full letter in our newsletter email as an attachment.

TB Drug Stockpile Inventory

Dr. Chorba Terence from the CDC recently sent out communication on the current inventory of Rifampin and Isoniazid along with prioritization for how these drugs will be distributed. You can learn more about how these drugs are being prioritized and how to submit a request by viewing the letter attached to our newsletter email.

Global Health Insights

The message is clear. TB elimination is a high-level priority across the globe.

In a recent video publication, Christopher Murray of the Department of Health Metrics Sciences discussed the global status of TB in the context of the recent attention given to the disease, especially during the UN General Assembly meeting. Despite progress in the treatment of TB over the past two decades, it has lagged behind diseases like HIV and malaria.

The COVID-19 pandemic has posed additional challenges for TB control. Reduced healthcare seeking behavior during the pandemic, potential early clinical TB deaths due to COVID-19, and disruptions in diagnosis and care have contributed to a decrease in the number of TB cases identified.

There is emphasis on the need for renewed investment in TB programs, the development of new tools, and the exploration of active screening strategies. Concerns about drug-resistant TB underscore the importance of sustained global attention and funding for TB initiatives.

Take 5 minutes to watch this compelling video on [The State of Tuberculosis](#).



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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