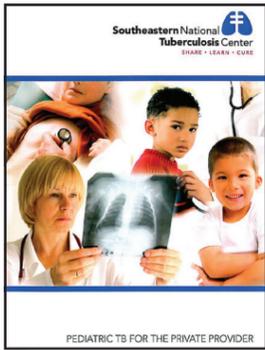


The focus of the October 2008 issue of Close Contact is the newest SNTC Educational Materials

● New Educational Materials Now Available

Each of the four regional training and medical consultation centers (RTMCCs) are asked to allocate human and financial resources to develop educational materials for use within the region. Our region expressed a need for materials to educate private providers working with young children (both pediatricians and family physicians) about TB and the importance of working in close partnership with the public health experts. The needs assessments also revealed that additional information regarding stigma, common beliefs about TB, and the culturally appropriate behaviors to observe during clinical encounters when working with foreign-born individuals would help medical professionals provide the best care possible to immigrants.

The SNTC is pleased to announce two recently released educational products which address these needs.

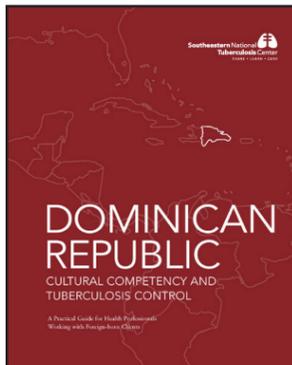


Pediatric TB for the Private Provider

The purpose of this educational CD is to improve the management and care of pediatric TB in the private sector. The CD provides the information and tools to (1) screen children who may have latent or active TB; (2) improve patient care; (3) improve practice efficiency; (4) appropriately test children who need to be tested for latent TB infection; (5) diagnose and treat children with latent or active TB; (6) understand the general guidelines for the Control of TB. The target audience for this training includes physicians, physicians assistants, advanced registered nurse practitioners, and nurses working in the private sector. However, all health care professionals will benefit from the TB educational content. The CD is interactive and has been approved for up to 4.0 hours of CME/CE and is available at no charge. [Read more . . .](#)

Cultural Competency and Tuberculosis Control: Country Specific Guides for Health Professionals Working with Foreign-Born Clients

The SNTC, in collaboration with the Lung Health Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham has developed TB-specific cultural competency guides (summaries) for the birth countries most commonly reported by foreign-born cases of TB treated in the U.S. Each country guide provides epidemiological information for both TB and HIV, nicknames for TB, common misperceptions surrounding the etiology, disease transmission, and cures for TB and HIV as well



as the stigma surrounding

these diseases. A portion of the guide also provides information regarding polite greetings to use when meeting a person from this country, verbal and non-verbal communication, naming customs, cultural values, and internet links to translated patient education materials. The information in the guides will enable TB program staff to employ a more culturally appropriate approach to client interviews, TB contact investigations, diagnostic procedures and clinical encounters, and patient education and counseling about TB and HIV. [Read more . . .](#)

Other Products Developed by the SNTC

Also available for downloading from the SNTC's website are educational materials for the foreign-born Spanish-speaking population, primarily Mexican migrant workers. The ¡Vivir a Todo Pulmón! Toolkit contains a series of materials designed for patient education. The SNTC TST Caliper is designed to provide an accurate, convenient measurement alternative to the more traditional TST rulers. Educational material (both in English and Spanish) for reading the TST, is included on the packaging and directly on the Caliper. [Read more . . .](#)

● Upcoming Courses

December 1-4
**Comprehensive Clinical
TB Course**
Lantana, Florida

December 5
**TST Train-the-Trainer
Course**
Lantana, Florida

SNTC IN ACTION	
COMING TO YOUR STATE SOON	
OCTOBER Arkansas Florida Louisiana	NOVEMBER Virginia
DECEMBER Florida Virginia	

● Newsy Bytes

Electronic Certificates

Electronic CE/CME certificates are now available through our CE provider, Suwannee River Area Health Education Center (SRAHEC). This reduces the time between the training event and the receipt of the CE certificate.

CE for Archived Webinars

The SNTC is now able to provide CE for archived webinars. This allows you to participate in our training events at your convenience and still earn CE. This free service isn't available for all previous webinars so consult the SNTC's website for more information.

Announcing the Newest Member of the SNTC Family . . .

Elijah James Ottenwess

was born Thursday, September 25th, 2008 at 10:26 a.m.

to Kristina and Jered Ottenwess

Eli weighed in at eight pounds three ounces and measured 20 inches.

Everyone is doing great! We look forward to Kristina's return in January.



● Contact the Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center (SNTC)

The Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center is one of four Regional Training and Medical Consultation Centers (RTMCCs) funded by the CDC. The SNTC seeks to address the training, education, medical consultation, and technical assistance needs of healthcare providers and TB programs in 11 southeastern states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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