MANAGEMENT OF CONTACTS TO TUBERCULOSIS CASES

OCTOBER 1, 2015
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Course Location
Vermont Department of Health
108 Cherry Street
Burlington, VT 05401

Jointly Provided By
Vermont Department Health and The Global Tuberculosis Institute at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

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The Global Tuberculosis Institute is the Tuberculosis Regional Training and Medical Consultation Center for the Northeast United States

COURSE DESCRIPTION & OVERALL GOAL

This training will cover public health and clinical approaches to assessing, evaluation and managing contacts to people with suspected or confirmed pulmonary TB. Topics will include transmission and pathogenesis, contact investigation procedures and protocols, interviewing contacts, and clinical assessment of contacts.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Public health nurses in Vermont who are involved in the diagnosis and management of persons with TB infection and TB disease.

WHY COURSE IS NEEDED

As the incidence of tuberculosis continues to decline, maintaining public health expertise in TB is particularly challenging. This training aims to build knowledge and skills around management of contacts to patients with suspected or confirmed pulmonary tuberculosis.

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, participants should be better able to:

- Discuss the rationale for initiating and conducting a TB contact investigation
- Identify criteria for high and low risk contacts to TB cases
- Describe policies and procedures for identifying and evaluating TB contacts in Vermont
- Discuss clinical approaches for assessing and evaluating contacts
- Demonstrate approaches utilized in interviewing contacts to TB cases
- Describe key steps in conducting a contact investigation in a congregate setting

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

In order to meet the learning objectives and receive continuing education credits, participants are required to attend the entire course and complete an evaluation. Participants will also be asked to complete a follow-up evaluation.

AGENDA

8:30 am Registration
9:00 am Overview of Tuberculosis - Dr. Kemper Alston
10:00 am Contact Investigation Overview - Mark Wolman
11:00 am Break
11:15 am Clinical Approach to Assessing Contacts - Lillian Pirog
12:00 pm Lunch
12:45 pm Contact Investigation Process in Vermont - Sally Cook
1:15 pm Congregate Setting Contact Investigation - Mark Wolman
2:15 pm Break
2:30 pm Case Studies
3:00 pm Exercise - Interviewing Contacts
4:00 pm Adjourn

CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

Vermont Department of Health is an Approved Provider Unit of Continuing Nursing Education by the Northeast Multistate Division, an Accredited Approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation. Provider number: 13-09-009PR Exp: 06/17/2017

REGISTRATION INFORMATION & FEE

Please register online by September 25, 2015 at:
http://vermonttbcontactmanagement.eventbrite.com

There is no fee for this conference.

If you require assistance registering for this course or to confirm your registration, please contact (973) 972-0978.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

The training will be held at:
Vermont Department of Health
108 Cherry St., Room 2B
Burlington, VT 05401-9962
Map and Directions

PARKING

Burlington Town Center Parking Garage
75 Cherry Street, Burlington (less than 1 block from the health dept)
Burlington Town Center has an attached five-story parking garage with entries/exits on Pine Street and Cherry Street. Entries into the Mall are located on levels 1 & 2.

CANCELLATION INFORMATION

We reserve the right to modify the activity content, faculty and activities, and to cancel this activity if necessary.

If you require an accommodation because of a disability, or if you have any additional needs or other questions, please contact Patty Woods at Patty.woods@rutgers.edu.