



BEST PRACTICES IN TB CONTROL: PRACTICAL USES OF EPIDEMIOLOGY FOR TB CONTROL

A Web-Based Seminar

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OVERALL GOAL

This seminar will explore the range of practical uses the discipline of epidemiology offers for supporting TB control activities. Specific examples will be shared to illustrate application of epidemiological approaches to improving state, county, and clinic level programs. The format will include an overview of the principles of epidemiology, perspectives and experiences of TB programs at different levels, and a review of available resources.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This web-based seminar is designed for TB program staff at all levels and other health care providers who diagnose, treat and manage TB patients.

WHY COURSE IS NEEDED

Epidemiology is the basic science of public health. An understanding of epidemiology is useful for all TB program staff, ranging from healthcare workers and public health staff to TB program managers. Epidemiologic concepts can assist in analyzing and making practical use of data, assessing current and evolving trends in TB morbidity, identifying risk groups, and determining where to allocate staff and resources. A broad understanding of epidemiologic principles can assist TB program staff at all levels in working towards effective TB control.

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this activity participants will be able to:

- Describe the application of epidemiologic concepts in TB control
- Identify sources of program- and state-level epidemiologic data that can be used in TB program evaluation and monitoring
- Discuss the role of epidemiology in monitoring and evaluating TB control program performance

- Outline effective strategies for using epidemiologic principles to improve a TB control program at clinic, county, or state level

AGENDA

Thursday, December 6, 2012

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| 1:00 pm | Welcome and introduction - <i>Bill Bower, MPH</i> |
| 1:10 pm | Overview: What is epidemiology and what's in it for me? - <i>Marian Passannante, PhD</i> |
| 1:20 pm | The clinic is where it all starts - <i>Mark Wolman, MPH</i> |
| 1:35 pm | Unveiling the TB among us - <i>Patricia High, MHS, MCHES</i> |
| 1:50 pm | Epi makes a difference at state level - <i>Lynn Sosa, MD, MPH</i> |
| 2:05 pm | Making use of epi resources - <i>Marian Passannante, PhD</i> |
| 2:15 pm | Questions and answers with panel of presenters |
| 2:25 pm | Conclusion and wrap-up |

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Internet Browser:

Access to high speed internet using

- Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.x or 7.x or 8.x
- Mozilla Firefox 1.2 or 2.0.0.14 or later

Sound:

- Multimedia speakers, or headphones and
- Telephone connection (required for verbal participation during Q & A session)

CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

Continuing education credits are not provided for this activity.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration priority will be given to individuals within the Northeastern Region, including Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia, and the cities of Baltimore, Detroit, New York City, and Philadelphia.

There is no limit to the number of participants at one location viewing from one room and computer. However, each site must identify a contact person to receive conference information, submit the sign-in sheet, and share the link to the online conference evaluation after the seminar.

Notification of acceptance and additional information including a link to handouts will be sent via email a few days before the webinar. Please provide a valid email address on the registration form.

Deadline for registration is November 30, 2012.

Please register online at:

<https://www323.livemeeting.com/lrs/8001122164/Registration.aspx?pageName=3ldwj2nrk0xtnnhv>

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This activity is free of charge. However, if you register and are unable to participate, we would appreciate you informing us so we may accommodate others.

If you have additional questions, please contact Anna Sevilla (973) 972-9100, or email at samedoan@umdnj.edu