

Incorporating Tuberculosis Content Into Public Health Core Curricula

How to Use this Material

Background

Tuberculosis (TB), one of the earliest known infectious diseases, is an enduring challenge to national and global public health efforts. Adequate attention to TB in public health training is essential to the creation of a public health workforce equipped with a comprehensive understanding of strategies to treat, control, and ultimately eliminate TB.

Objectives

With the aim of incorporating TB into the curricula of schools of public health, the Northeastern Regional Training and Medical Consortium Center/Global Tuberculosis Institute, New Jersey Medical School created TB-related materials for use in Masters of Public Health programs. These materials have been designed to address specific Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) core competencies using up-to-date knowledge to help students build skills, as well as to inspire further study of TB.

Format

Teaching material has been developed for use in courses in the 5 core public health disciplines of biostatistics, epidemiology, environmental health sciences, health policy and management, and social and behavioral sciences. These materials also illustrate principles and issues relevant to the interdisciplinary/cross-cutting areas of communications, diversity and culture, program planning and evaluation, and public health biology. Some exercises include suggested readings and PowerPoint® slides for classroom presentation.

Teaching Materials

All materials have been developed using a uniform template, which includes a cover page with the learning objectives and the ASPH core and interdisciplinary/cross-cutting competencies addressed in each product. Each educational project can be used independently, so faculty can use any or all the materials in their courses. These educational products **do not** require that instructors have any prior knowledge of TB. However, the members of the TB Curriculum Development Group have prepared a brief **Primer on Tuberculosis**, using CDC-developed educational materials, to provide instructors and students, who have no prior TB experience, with some basic information regarding TB.

Individuals wishing to use these materials may simply download the Student Versions from the graphic on our website. All teaching materials are available, free of charge, on this website in Word® and PDF formats to allow instructors to use all or only parts of these exercises, if desired. We only request that you cite the source of the material **and** that you complete a brief online assessment so that we can modify the teaching materials, based on your experiences. **Instructor's Guides (with question answers) for these educational materials are available on this website.** The URLs for the on-line evaluation instruments appear on the first page of the Instructor's Guides as well as on the Instructor's Guides webpage.

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