

# TUBERCULOSIS TODAY!

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Tuberculosis Today! workshop focuses on a practical approach to the current body of knowledge on which the treatment and control of tuberculosis is based. Study materials and classroom sessions concentrate on transmission and pathogenesis, diagnosis, treatment and medical management of infection and disease, infection control, contact investigation, actual practice at administering and reading TSTs, legal issues and the patient-provider relationship.

## ELIGIBILITY

The workshop is intended primarily for nurses and physicians who have major responsibility for tuberculosis control activities in their respective health care settings, including patient management, contact investigation, prevention, infection control, program management, supervision of staff involved in direct care, and professional education. Other professionals (e.g., social workers, health educators, managers, supervisors, etc.) are also invited to apply.

## ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

South Carolina's TB Today! Course is offered twice a year, sponsored by the American Lung Association in South Carolina and provided by DHEC. Please call the DHEC TB Control Division at (803) 898-0558 to request an application if not enclosed with this brochure.

Attendance is limited to 40 students. Submission of an application does not constitute acceptance to the course. Written confirmation of acceptance will be mailed to applicants shortly after enrollment closes.

Course materials and information about lodging facilities will also be mailed to applicants who are accepted. In case of cancellations, students on the waiting list will be notified immediately by telephone of the availability of space in the course.

## Course Objectives:

### Participants will be able to:

- Describe the transmission and pathogenesis of tuberculosis.
- Describe the purpose, methods and benefits of diagnostic tests for tuberculosis.
- Properly administer and read a Mantoux tuberculin skin test.
- List the drugs used in the treatment of tuberculosis infection and disease, their route of administration, action, dosage, most common side effects, and recommendations for length of treatment.
- List the criteria for placing patients on directly observed therapy (DOT); describe the DOT process. Discuss the use of incentives and enablers in assuring patient compliance.
- Define the categories of tuberculosis contacts, explain the purpose and methodology of a contact investigation and perform a basic contact investigation.
- Explain the rationale for treatment of latent TB infection and describe the categories of individuals for whom LTBI treatment is indicated.
- Describe the effects of psychosocial and economic variables on patient-provider relationships as they relate to compliance with medications.
- Describe the process of tuberculosis control in a variety of institutional and health care settings including infection control principles.

## PLACE

Hickory Knob State Resort Park  
McCormick, South Carolina

## CONTACT HOURS

Nursing Contact hours will be provided. DHEC is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the South Carolina Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. General contact hours will be issued to other participants at the completion of the course.

## LODGING AND MEALS

A block of double occupancy rooms and triple occupancy cabins have been reserved. Lodging assignments and reservations are made by the Course Coordinator. Requests for specific roommates will be honored, if possible. Meals are eaten as a group in the Park restaurant. Extraneous charges are the responsibility of the participant.

## COURSE FEES

- **Instate applicants:**  
A grant from the American Lung Association Southeast Region pays for tuition, lodging and meals for South Carolina residents.
- **Out-of-state applicants:**  
Must pay for travel expenses, lodging and meals.

## TRAVEL

To and from Hickory Knob State Resort Park is the applicant's responsibility.

**Course Coordinator:**  
Caroline Carman

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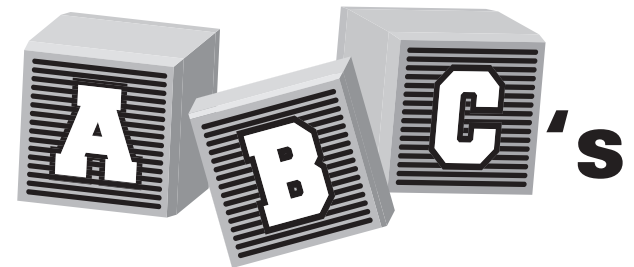
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