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CureTB and the Use of the Binational TB Card

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Objectives

By the end of this session, participants will:

- Be able to explain the role of the CureTB program and will know when to submit a binational referral to CureTB
- Be able to explain which patients are eligible to receive a Binational TB Card
- Be able to list 3 strategies to facilitate continuity of care for patients moving between the U.S. and Mexico



CureTB Referral Program

- US/Mexico binational referral program
- Founded in 1997
- Operated by the San Diego County TB Control Program, with bilingual professional staff



CureTB Goals

Improve continuity of care for patients with active TB that move during their course of treatment:

- Assure completion of treatment
- Decrease transmission
- Prevent the development of drug resistance



What Does CureTB Do?

- Make referrals for:
 - Suspected and verified tuberculosis cases
 - Notification of high risk contacts
 - Source case finding
 - Past history requests



What Does CureTB Not Do?

- Provide medications
- Provide direct services to patients (medical consultation, laboratory, transportation)
- Ship materials or medications to patients



CureTB Challenges

- Patients aren't linked to care in Mexico because they move before providing adequate locating information
- Minimum information required for CureTB referral = address or phone #
- Result = patients are lost before completion of treatment



A Solution!

- The TB Card + educational flip-chart + obtaining locating info in Mexico early
 - help to achieve the goals of Cure TB
 - decrease the number of patients that are lost to follow-up
- National pilot done in 13 sites in the US and Mexico from March 2003 to Nov 2005
 - Many patients completed treatment
 - Fewer patients were lost
 - Patients appreciated the system
 - Healthcare workers found it useful



California CureTB Pilot

- Where?
 - Monterey, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties
- When?
 - December 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007
- What?
 - TB Card distributed to all new and existing patients that met eligibility criteria (n = 17)
 - Flip chart used to educate patients
 - Locating information in Mexico asked for during initial interview
 - 2 patients moved to Mexico
 - CureTB referrals made
 - Both patients completed therapy



Expansion in California

- State TB Control Branch identified resources to pay for printing new TB cards and flip charts
- 27 additional local health departments (LHDs) expressed interested in using these enhanced referral methods
- Hosted teleconference trainings in late September/ early October 2007 for interested LHDs
- October 2007 – to present: 31 LHDs using enhanced CureTB referral methods (cards, flip charts, obtaining locating information earlier)



LHD Feedback (1)

- During the last week in January, 2008:
 - Electronic survey sent to all 31 LHDs using the enhanced referral process
 - Feedback received from 12 LHDs
- Survey summary:
 - 6 of 12 LHDs have used the new referral process
 - The other 6 have not had patients that met eligibility criteria



LHD Feedback (2)

- Factors contributing to linkage to care in Mexico:
 - The TB card
 - Education provided via the flip chart
 - Collection of locating information in Mexico early in therapy
 - CureTB referral program



LHD feedback (3)

“The flip charts are colorful and easy to follow and are appropriate for all literacy levels”

“Very useful to obtain locating info in Mexico early in treatment because emergency trips to Mexico are always a possibility and patients can get lost”

“The project shows collaboration between the US and Mexico....it lets patients know that we care about completion of TB therapy, no matter where the patient is located”

“I have found the flipcharts a good tool to elicit questions from my patients’ families and discuss the importance of completing therapy”



TB Card

Tarjeta Binacional de Salud

MEXICO



USA

Binational Health Card

Este documento es para facilitar la continuidad de la atención a la salud.

This document is to facilitate continuity of health care.

En México llame al 01-800-004-4800.

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Expedida en / Issued in:

Unidad / Health unit _____

Municipio / County _____

Estado / State _____

Jurisdicción / District _____

Teléfono / Telephone _____

Fecha de inicio de tratamiento (dd/mm/aaaa)

Date treatment started (dd/mm/yyyy)

____/____/____

Fecha de última dosis (dd/mm/aaaa)

Date of last dose (dd/mm/yyyy) ____/____/____

Esquema de Tratamiento*

Treatment regimen: H R Z E S

Otra(s) / Other(s): _____

TAES / DOT *Sí / No* Yes / No

H=isoniazida; R=rifampicina; Z=pirazinamida; E=etambutol; S=streptomina



Who Should Receive the Enhanced Referral Process?

Any patient that is likely to travel to Mexico during their course of TB treatment, including:

- Migrant workers
- Anyone who says they may travel/return to Mexico
- ICE detainees or others who may be deported
- Patients with close or immediate family living in Mexico
- Patients who work in the US but receive medical care in Mexico
- Others



Old CureTB Referral Process

1. LHD case manager (CM) learns that patient with confirmed or suspected active TB is planning to move, or has moved to Mexico
2. If CM has locating information in Mexico, CM completes CureTB referral form and faxes it to CureTB
3. If locating information is sufficient, CureTB links patient to care in Mexico



New CureTB Referral Process (1)

1. During an initial interview of a TB suspect OR confirmed case, the LHD case manager:
 - Establishes rapport
 - Inquires re: travel to Mexico during treatment
 - Elicits locating information in Mexico
 - Uses the flip chart to educate re: continuity of care
 - Provides the TB card
 - Encourages notification to the case manager prior to move to Mexico



New CureTB Referral Process (2)

2. LHD CM learns that patient with confirmed or suspected active TB is planning to move, or has moved to Mexico
3. CM verifies Mexican locating information obtained at outset of therapy
4. CM makes sure patient has TB card
5. CM completes CureTB referral form and faxes it to CureTB
6. CureTB links patient to care in Mexico



Obtaining Patient Locating Information is Essential!



Locating Information in Mexico

- Example: Insufficient Information

# 347	Hidalgo	San Blas	Nayarit	Mexico
<i>Street/ Avenue</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Country</i>

Phone #: 532-4789

Missing area code



Locating Information in Mexico

- Example: Complete Information

Hidalgo	# 347	Colonia Reforma	Acatan	San Blas	Nayarit	Mexico
<i>Street/ Avenue</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Neighbor hood</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Country</i>

Phone #: 657- 532-4789

10 digits including area code



For more information, please contact:

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