

## World TB Day in Texas

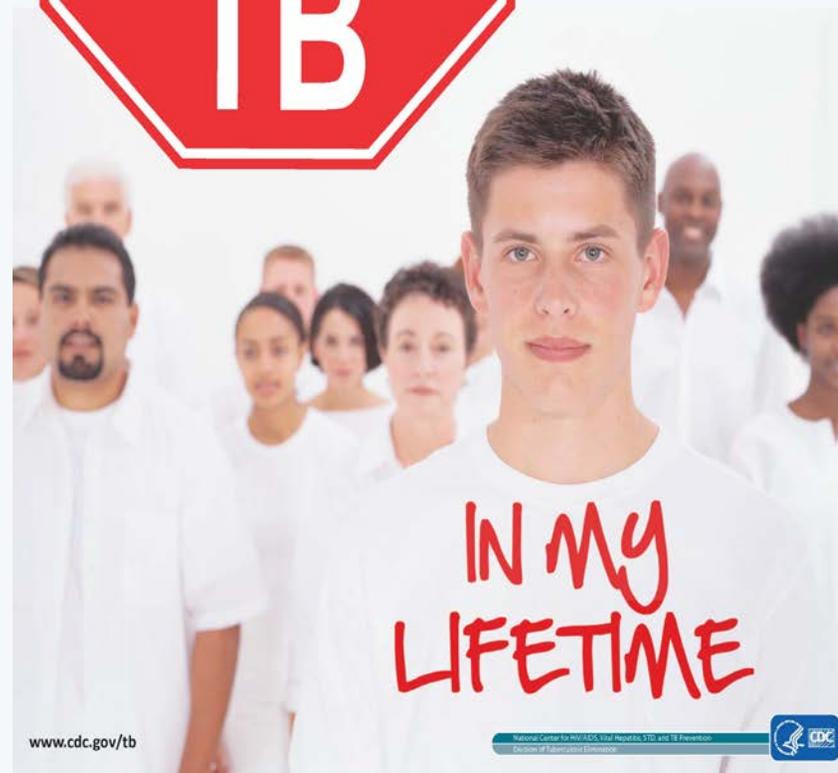
Monday, March 25, 2013  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Texas Department  
of  
State Health Services  
Austin State Hospital Campus  
Community Room-Building 635  
Austin, Texas



1100 W. 49<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
AUSTIN, TX 78756

**World TB Day**  
**March 24**



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National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention  
Division of Tuberculosis Elimination



**World TB Day**, held on March 24 each year, is an occasion to raise awareness about the devastating health and economic consequences of tuberculosis (TB).

TB is often considered a disease of the past – an illness that no longer threatens us today. Although TB rates have dropped for the past 20 years in the United States, TB continues to be one of the deadliest diseases in the world. Although TB can be cured with proper medical care, it still kills almost 2 million people every year, including more than 550 in the United States.

The incidence of TB in Texas decreased steadily between the mid-1990s and 2012, peaking at 2542 cases in 1994. This was followed by an average annual decrease of 4% over the next fifteen years. The majority of the TB burden continues to be in the metropolitan counties (Bexar, Dallas, Harris, Tarrant and Travis) and border area (32- county Texas-Mexico border area agreed upon by La Paz agreement). There likely are many reasons for the recent decline in TB, including the strong efforts of local and state health departments, health care providers and facilities, laboratories, community groups and others to address this disease. Although there has been a decrease in the overall numbers of cases across the state, the rate of TB in Texas continues to exceed that of the United States. On a national level, Texas routinely does not meet many of the national TB control benchmark indicators, thus more work needs to be done.

This year the DSHS joins with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the global Stop TB partnership adopting the slogan "Stop TB in My Lifetime". We must remain vigilant to think TB, treat TB and prevent the spread of TB in our communities.



**IN MY LIFETIME**



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Austin State Hospital Campus

**9:00 – 9:05**

**Welcome and Introductions**

Charles Wallace, M.P.H., Ph.D.  
Manager  
TB Services Branch

**10:00 – 10:15**

**Drug Resistant Tuberculosis**

Debra Edwards  
DRTB Program Coordinator  
TB Services Branch

**11:00 – 11:20**

**Building Community and Increasing Awareness**

Victor Tomlinson  
Public Health Advisor (retired)  
CDC

**9:05 – 9:30**

**Epidemiology of Tuberculosis**

Doug Schuster, M.P.H.  
Epidemiologist  
Epidemiology & Surveillance Branch

**10:15 – 10:30**

**Tuberculosis & Refugees**

Amira Sutton  
Refugee Health Screening Program  
TB Services Branch

**11:20 – 11:45**

**Tribute to Ann Tyree**

Charles Wallace, M.P.H., Ph.D.  
Manager  
TB Services Branch

**9:30 – 10:00**

**GeneXpert**

Ken Jost, M(ASCP)  
TB Applications Scientist  
Laboratory Services Section

**10:30 – 10:40**

**Focus on Eliminating TB**

Anne Child  
RESULTS - Austin

**11:45 – 12:00**

**Closing Remarks**

Felipe Rocha, M.S.S.W  
Manager  
TB/HIV/STD/Hepatitis Unit

**10:40 – 11:00**

**Rotary International**

Clift Price, MD

Charles Wallace, M.P.H., Ph.D.  
Manager  
TB Services Branch