

# National TB Nurses Coalition

## A Section of the National TB Controllers Association

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# NTCA

## Mission:

To protect the public's health by advancing the elimination of tuberculosis in the U.S. through the concerted action of state, local, and territorial government programs

## Vision:

A world free of TB

# What is the NTCA

## Objectives:

- Develop and provide **a collective voice** for TB Controllers to advance and advocate TB control and elimination activities in the United States.
- Counsel agencies, organizations, committees, and task forces on issues and actions affecting TB control and elimination at state, local, and territorial levels.
- Work with organizations to advance TB control and elimination at state, local, and territorial levels.
- Support agencies and organizations in efforts beneficial to the advancement of TB control and elimination at state, local, and territorial levels.
- Advocate for positions, policies, laws, and means to advance TB control and elimination at state, local, and territorial levels

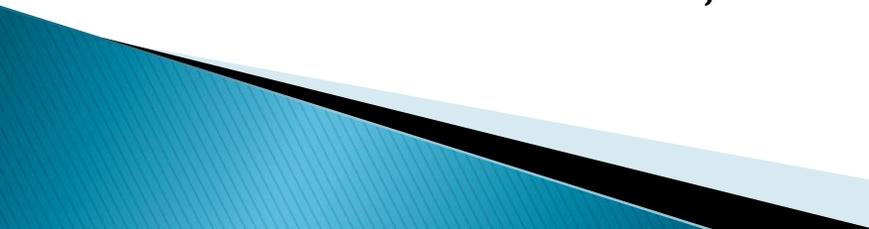
# NTCA Sections

- ▶ National TB Nurse Coalition (NTNC)
  - ▶ National Society of TB Clinicians (NSTC)
  - ▶ Epidemiology Section (to be named)
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# NTNC

- ▶ **NTNC Mission**
  - ▶ To advise and support the TB control officials of state, local, and territorial governments by providing, within NTCA, a coordinated nursing perspective on issues vital to the success of TB prevention and control programs.
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## ▶ **NTNC Objectives**

- ▶ Develop and provide a collective voice for nurses working in TB control activities to advance and advocate TB elimination throughout the nation.
  - ▶ Support the development and implementation of education and training standards at the federal, state, and local levels to ensure a common body of knowledge applicable to the elimination of TB.
  - ▶ Work with coordinating organizations to define the public health nurse role and functions in TB.
  - ▶ Through NTCA, advocate for positions, policies, laws, and means to advance TB control and elimination activities at state, local, and territorial levels.
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# What is NTNC up to

- ▶ Planning the next Nursing Conference to be held in June in association with the National TB Programmers Conference
  - ▶ Lobbying to have a National TB Nurse Consultant assigned at CDC
  - ▶ Developing criteria for a National Certification for TB Nurse Case Managers
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# How do I join?

Take one of the flier

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