

## World TB Day

Each year World TB Day is recognized on March 24 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), often with a variety of activities leading up to the official day. This annual event commemorates the date in 1882 when Dr. Robert Koch announced his discovery of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the bacillus that causes tuberculosis (TB).

World TB Day provides an opportunity to raise awareness about TB-related problems and solutions, and to support worldwide TB-control efforts. CDC and our partners are committed to a world free of TB.

This year, CDC joins the global Stop TB partnership in adopting the slogan "Stop TB in my lifetime" that goes with the theme of calling for a world free of TB. The slogan and theme encourage people all over the world, from the youngest to the oldest, to make an individual call for the elimination of TB, and say what changes they expect to take place in their lifetimes.

In their lifetimes, today's children should expect to see a world where no one gets sick with TB. In their lifetimes, women and men should expect to see a world where no one dies from TB. All of us can have different hopes, such as for faster treatment; a quick, cheap, low-tech test that is accessible to all; or an effective vaccine.



## Binational Tuberculosis Forum

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## "Binational Forum to STOP TB In My Lifetime"



March 23, 2012  
Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm  
Marfa, Texas

## Summary

The purpose of this forum is to engage community partners in the great Big Bend, west Texas region and Ojinaga, Chihuahua with the goal of increasing TB awareness, prevention and control. This binational forum is intended for physicians, nurses public health staff and those who work in identifying, case managing, and treating patients with tuberculosis infection or disease.

## Forum Objectives

- Provide background information on TB (i.e. symptomology, treatment, testing);
- Provide the latest trends on TB in the area along the sister cities of Presidio, Texas and Ojinaga, Mexico;
- Emphasize in the importance of reporting in a timely manner; and
- Increase communication, collaboration and coordination in the management of binational cases.

## Agenda

9:00 – 9:30 am: Registration

9:30 – 9:45 am: Welcoming Remarks and Introductions *County Judge Hunt, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Acosta*

9:45 – 10:15 am: TB 101 (TB Background information – Screening/Testing, Diagnosis, Treatment) *Dr. Anderson*

10:15 – 10:45 am: TB Prevalence Rates (National, State, local) – both sides of the border *Barbara Vassell, Dr. Acosta,*

10:45 – 11:00 am: BREAK

11:00 – 11:30 am: TB in Correctional/Detention Facilities *Barbara Vassell*

11:30 – 12:00 pm: Tuberculosis Case Management for Undocumented and Deportable Inmates/Detainees in Federal Custody – *Dr. Miguel Escobedo*

12:00 – 1:00 pm: LUNCH (Networking opportunity)

1:00 – 1:30 pm: Case Study – Genotype Cluster Investigation Along The Texas-Mexico Border *Nicole Evert/Barbara Vassell*

1:30 – 2:00 pm: Case Study - Binational TB Collaboration/Coordination – Presidio/Ojinaga *Lupe Gonzalez/Dr. Geronimo*

2:00 – 2:15 pm: Evaluation / Closing Remarks *Dr. Anderson, Dr. Acosta*



## Registration

Registration is free and space is limited! To secure a spot please complete and return registration form by **March 16, 2012**.

You can either fax form to 915-834-7844 attention Adriana C. Luevanos or send it via email to [adriana.corona@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:adriana.corona@dshs.state.tx.us).

Lunch will be sponsored!

Forum will be held at:

St. Mary's Church Hall  
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