TB Physician's Consultation Network

Florida Tuberculosis Physician's Consultation Network Call 1-800-4TB-INFO

Mission: To provide Florida county health departments and community health care providers with accessible, expert and cost effective TB clinical consultation and services. To assure that expert TB consultation is available to every Florida citizen regardless where they reside.

Goals: To provide on-site TB clinical services to county health departments that require them; to promote uniformity of TB clinical services statewide; to recruit qualified TB physicians into the public health system to meet future needs.

Network Physicians

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Counties: Alachua, Bay, Baker, Bradford, Brevard, Calhoun, Citrus, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Escambia, Franklin, Flagler, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Hernando, Hillsborough, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lake, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Nassau, Okaloosa, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Santa Rosa, Seminole, St. Johns, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Volusia, Wakulla, Walton, and Washington

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Counties: Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Dade, Desoto, Duval, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Indian River, Lee, Manatee, Martin, Monroe, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, St. Lucie, and Sarasota

Network Services

Any or all of the following services are available:

Direct Clinical Services –

Provision of on-site medical management within county health departments for persons with TB infection and/or active TB disease.

Radiographic Interpretation –

Interpretation of county health department patient chest x-rays, including, when appropriate, recommendations for TB medical management.

Accessible Phone Consultation –

Clinical TB consultation available statewide 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to county health departments, community health care providers and institutions.

Community Physician Education –

Physician availability and participation in Collaborative Case Conferences, inservices, grand rounds and lectures.

Network Administration

Sue Johnston, staff assistant to Dr. Lauzardo at the Alachua County Health Department, is responsible for the invoicing for TB-MD services and for tracking receipt of payments form county health departments utilizing the Network physician's services. For more information, please call Keith Hughes at (850) 245-4350/Suncom 205-4350.