

# Nurses United: How the NTNC Supports You in the Fight Against TB

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#### **National TB Coalition of America**

**Founded in 1995**, NTCA has been the national voice for TB programs across the U.S. and USAPI.

Recent focus on reducing stigmatizing language prompted a reconsideration of the term "controllers."

NTCA now embraces a multidisciplinary approach, aiming to be a professional home for all TB public health professionals.



#### **Sections within NTCA**

- National TB Nurse Coalition (NTNC)
- National Society of TB Clinicians (NSTC)
- Society for Epidemiology in TB Control (SETC)

 Per Bylaws – the current Section president is a voting member of the NTCA Board, <u>a one-year term</u>



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#### Incidence-level Representatives

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Libby Enriquez – Low Incidence



# The National Tuberculosis Nurse Coalition (NTNC)



A section of and a vital force within the National TB Coalition of America (NTCA)



Uniting and empowering TB nurses to lead in public health, policy, and practice



# National Tuberculosis Nurse Coalition Mission Statement

The Coalition works in partnership with federal, state, local and territorial public health officials and others interested or involved in TB elimination to provide expert guidance for initiatives involving

TB nursing practice.



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# **NTNC Membership**







SOCIAL WORKERS



**EDUCATORS** 



YOU!



# **Benefits of NTNC Membership**



Collective voice for TB Nurses



Opportunities to work on national guidelines



Professional home for nurses working in TB



Networking with a great group of people!



#### **NTNC Committees**

#### **Education:**

- Projects within the education committee:
- Webinars for members
- TB Nurse Case Manager Certificate Program

#### **Corrections:**

• This is a joint NTCA/NTNC committee with the goal of improving TB recognition, prevention, and control in correctional facilities.

# If you are interested in joining,

• please email Diana Fortune @dfortune.NTCA@gmail.com



# NTNC Nurses: Part of the Larger Team

#### Driving National Impact Together

- Contributed to Updated Isolation Recommendations
- lead craft the HPMZ 2-Pager Education Tool
- ⊕ Collaborating on NTCA Website Revamp
- Producing Webinars for TB Training
- Active Members of National TB Conference Planning



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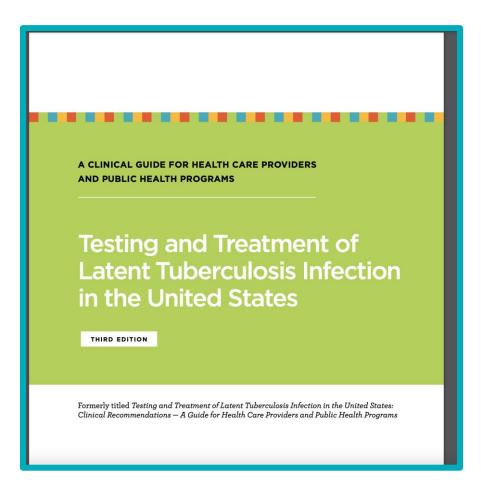
National Tuberculosis Coalition of America (NTCA) Guidelines for Respiratory Isolation and Restrictions to Reduce Transmission of Pulmonary Tuberculosis in Community Settings

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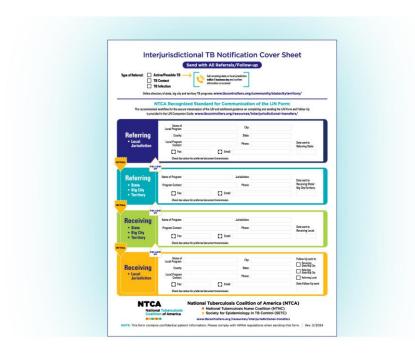
#### **Third Edition**



- The second edition updated information regarding: LTBI treatment in pregnant persons, guidance from the American Academy of Pediatrics on use of IGRAs in children, TB screening before and during immunosuppressive therapies (with a table of specific biologics), LTBI treatment in kidney disease, and references throughout the document.
- Additions to the second edition included guidance for patients traveling outside the United States, use of rifabutin monotherapy in patients with HIV, second round testing and follow up for children and recent contacts in contact investigations, and treatment of immunosuppressed close contacts. The second edition also clarified appropriate use of isoniazid in patients with baseline liver disease and when baseline laboratory testing is warranted.
- The third edition addresses the use of the 1HP regimen in individuals with and without HIV.
- The third edition addresses the 2024 guidance on IGRAS issues by the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- Third edition updates appear in yellow highlighting on pp. 6, 16, 22, and 27.



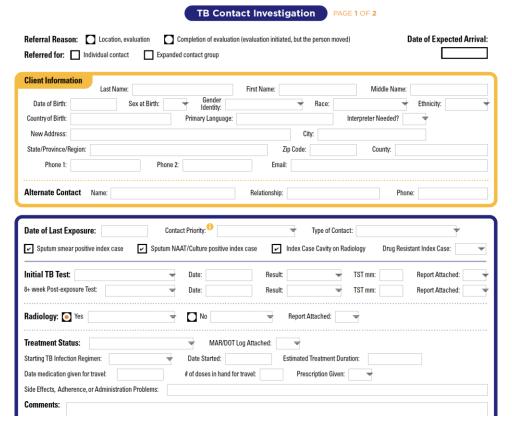
# IJN Updates – July 2024



Newly revised and improved.



#### Interjurisdictional TB Notification



#### **NTNC** Listserv

Member only benefit

The NTNC listserv is a member benefit that allows any member to consult with nurses all over the US.

Messages and replies may be received at once, or daily.

Questions, comments, and answers go into an archive available for future usage.





NTCA/NTNC is excited to offer an asynchronous online course designed to provide foundational knowledge and skills for Tuberculosis Nurse Case Management.





# **Upcoming Webinars**



Thursday, May 22, 2025

11:00 am - 12:00 pm PDT / 11:00 am - 12:00 pm MST / 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm CDT / 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EDT



## **Coming Soon: Virtual 2025 National TB** Conference



September 2025; Wednesday/Thursday



Replaces in-person event (originally June 2—





6–8 interactive sessions



Of Hosted by National TB Coalition of America



# NTCA/NTNC Membership Join or Renew Now!

- There are several ways to become a member:
- Individual membership:
  - \$100 per year, or
  - \$50 per year for retirees and students.
- Institutional membership:
  - For TB programs in state, city, and territory public health departments that are directly funded through CDC Cooperative Agreements include the TB program manager and up to 8 additional staff positions.
  - Additional memberships are at the discounted rate of \$50.
  - https://www.tbcontrollers.org/membership/







