

NC TB Control Program Policy Manual

I. Introduction

The goal of the North Carolina TB Control program is to decrease TB case rates by 2015:

- Decrease the TB case rate in U.S. -born persons to less than 0.8 cases per 100,000.
- Decrease the TB case rate for foreign-born persons to less than 14.3 cases per 100,000.
- Decrease the TB case rate in U.S. –born non-Hispanic blacks to less than 1.3 cases per 100,000.
- Decrease the TB case rate for children younger than 5 years of age to less than 0.4 cases per 100,000.

Aggressively interrupting transmission through appropriate disease treatment, minimizing the number of people who become newly infected, and providing appropriate preventive treatment to those who are infected are necessary to accomplish this goal.

The health department has the legal authority and responsibility to coordinate all TB efforts in its jurisdiction. The TB Medical Advisory Committee provides input for TB Control program policy development. Medical, nursing, epidemiologic, and health education support for health departments and other health care providers are available through the state TB Control program.

The North Carolina Tuberculosis Policy Manual (11th Edition, 2012, in conjunction with the following references, provides policy for local health departments for the management of tuberculosis disease and infection:

***The Core Curriculum on Tuberculosis: What the Clinician Should Know.* CDC, Fourth Edition, 2000.**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *Treatment of Tuberculosis.* American Thoracic Society, CDC and the Infectious Diseases Society of America. MMWR 2003; 52 (No. RR-11).

2006 Red Book: *Report of the Committee on Infectious Diseases,* 26th Edition, American Academy of Pediatrics.

***Prevention and Treatment of Tuberculosis Among Patients Infected with Human Immunodeficiency Virus: Principles of Therapy and Revised Recommendations.* MMWR, October 30, 1998/Vol.47/No.RR-20.**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *Targeted Tuberculin Testing and Treatment of Latent Tuberculosis Infection.* MMWR 2000; 49 (No. RR-6).

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *Guidelines for Investigation of Contacts of Persons with Infectious Tuberculosis.* MMWR, 2006; 54 (No. RR-15).

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *Guidelines for Preventing the Transmission of Mycobacterium tuberculosis in Health-Care Settings, MMWR 2005;54 (No. RR-17).*

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *Prevention and Control of Tuberculosis in Correctional and Detention Facilities: Recommendations from CDC; 2006; 55 (No. RR-9).*

Copies of many TB references may be downloaded at:

http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/tb/pubs/mmwrhtml/Maj_guide/List_date.htm or by request from:

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<http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/cd/diseases/tb.html>**

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