REGION 1 OPH
WETMORE TB CLINIC
2014 update*

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* Specific statistics available

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Post Katrina History

1855 Ames Boulevard
Marrero, LA

From a Trailer with a makeshift clinic to..........
Present location
3308 Tulane Avenue
New Orleans, LA
Structure of team at clinic

- Office Staff
- Nursing Staff
- TB Control/Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS) team
- Clinic Coordinator
- Social Worker
- Radiography personnel
- Trainees
- Physicians
Process of Patient /Client flow and service dealing with **

- Patient check-in
- Pre-interview with nurse
- Trainee/Physician evaluation
- Post-interview with nurse
- Lab tests, Medication Directly Observed Treatment (DOT) arrangement, where applicable, follow up appointment and scheduling
- Referral to other clinics as indicated

*Active TB, suspect TB, Latent TB, contacts of TB etc*
Regular Academic affiliations

Section of Pulmonary Medicine – LSU School of Medicine (SOM), New Orleans
Section of Pulmonary Medicine – Tulane SOM
Section of Infectious Disease – LSU SOM
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Dept of Pediatrics, Tulane U HSC
A day at the clinic

- Patient services and preparation for MD visit
- MD visit, completing data base
- DOT planning
- Nurse conferences
- T-Spot testing & other lab tests
- Sputum collection
- Chart preparation
- Patient referrals & scheduling
- Documentation and statistical collection
- Coordination of follow up and care
Clinical patient service Partnerships

- LSU-Interim LSU Medical Center and Public Hospital/ UH
- Referrals through EHR
- CLIQ Medical Records
- HIV Outpatient Clinic
- Private MDs/ VA Community Clinics/Hospitals
- Transitional Homes
- Homeless Shelters
Specific Community liaison

**Homeless Shelters**
- Ozanam Inn
- Bridge House
- Salvation Army
- New Orleans Mission

**Community Clinics**
- Covenant House
- Healthcare for the Homeless
- New Orleans Health Unit (other than OPH)
- Urgent Care Clinic at ILH
- Drug Rehab Centers
• TB Spot test (new blood test for TB)
• Treatment drug level testing*
• Updated Imaging i.e. CT scan referrals
• Digital X-ray svvs and Access (courtesy WF)
• Negative Pressure sputum induction room
• Culture and Sensitivity testing
• Coordination with special labs and centers
• Dealing with Drug resistant TB

* To ensure adequate and effective Rx
Research and academic partnerships through appropriate regulatory channels

• NIH funded LSU Pulm Section study*
• Tulane Public Health student class practicum**
• Rotation of students/trainees from Tulane school of Public Health /Academic venues

** Result in presentations of papers and Publications in the past and present
Commitment of Medical Staff

• Multi-disciplinary faculty
• Drawn from both LSU and Tulane
• Academic approach
• Standard of care as best as “administration” and “budget” allows
• Time commitment way beyond the constraints of contractual obligations with inadequate compensation to MDs
Clinic Nursing Leadership and staff

• Ensuring efficient practice and flow of patient and health care delivery
• Close liaison with all staff and Health care delivery team
• Working with all Health Units
Role of DIS field staff

- Implementation of the medical and treatment plan
- Contact screening measures
- Ensure compliance with Rx
- Identify patient issues and other roadblocks to implementation
- Assure follow up
- Personnel challenges
TB control staff and leadership

• Ensure and monitor compliance of program as per policy and procedure as per national guidelines
• Liaison of and with public health and patient health care delivery team
• Work with medical leadership
Social and support services through MV

Regular proactive and energetic problem solving approach
Working closely the Wetmore Foundation to provide for those patients in need
Address their social and societal issues while they are being medically treated at Wetmore.
Be a patient advocate
Role of Wetmore TB Foundation

- Patient Centered Involvement and engagement
- Tremendous support
- Practical funding
- Alignment of mission
- Access for patient needs
- “Best kept secret”
Concept of a Virtual Medical Home

A typical TB patient /family with multiple co-morbid conditions; dual mycobacterial diseases, “dropped by OPH and TB control”
Due to policy and budget constraints

TB plus ???

Disease management
Public Health
Population Health

Referrals

Medical Care

Social Services

MDs        Nurses       Social Worker       Support systems

HEALTH CARE delayed is Health Care denied; A fragmented Health Delivery system hampers access to care, disrupts continuity of care, and reduces standard of care health care delivery… This team working to see that happens less and less
Community based participatory activities research (CBPR)

Not currently being done but options open and under active consideration through the academic affiliations.

Data mining and collection through Public Health practicum students and MD staff.
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