

## Cross-cultural trainings in tuberculosis: Building clinical capacity in Haiti

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**Background:** Tuberculosis (TB) represents a significant health and economic burden in Haiti, where clinical diagnostics and management are critical for TB control. We describe a global health collaboration between the UF Division of Infectious Diseases and Global Medicine (IDGM) and the *Programme National de Lutte contre la Tuberculose* (PNLT) in Haiti, to provide continuing medical education in TB clinical management.

**Methods:** IDGM conducted a five-day clinical TB course in English and French with 14 modules that highlighted TB diagnostics, treatment and management in resource-limited settings. Question-and-answer periods preceded and followed the respective course day.

**Outcomes:** A total of 35 Haitian health professionals participated in the course. This course offered an educational resource to strengthen collaborations and working relationships between participants, affiliated organizations and the national TB program in Haiti. Challenges were encountered in preparation (time constraints, unknown level of TB knowledge for course participants) and implementation (coordination for international travel for invited speakers, minimal language barriers).

**Implications:** Health professionals who took the course can apply this knowledge and build capacity for TB diagnostics and management in their health centers in Haiti. Future courses will target both health and non-health professionals who work in TB control in Haiti.

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