

WORLD TB DAY 2013

Each year, we recognize World TB Day on March 24, often with a variety of activities leading up to the official day. This annual event commemorates the date in 1882 when Dr. Robert Koch announced his discovery of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the bacillus that causes tuberculosis (TB).

World TB Day provides the opportunity to raise awareness about TB-related problems and solutions and to support worldwide TB-control efforts. While great strides have been made to control and cure TB, this disease is still a problem and more should be done so that one day TB is eliminated.

World TB Day Events held in Nebraska

The Nebraska TB Advisory Council held a meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2013 from 11:45 AM-1:15 PM at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Durham Research Center, Omaha, Nebraska. Case updates, Isoniazid shortage, lab updates, Bedaquiline information, and World TB Day information was presented. Contact person was Kristin Gall, R.N., M.S.N.

Another event was held on Friday, March 22, 2013 at 12 noon at Creighton University, Hixson-Lied Science Building Lecture Hall. A TB case review was presented for health care professionals. Ann Lorenzen, RN, MSN, CIC-Alegent Creighton Health discussed challenges in treating these cases, and Linda Ohri, Pharm D, MPH discussed the global threat of TB drug resistance.



Pat Infield, Nebraska Division of Public Health Tuberculosis Program Manager, was awarded the 2012 Nebraska Infection Control Network Distinguished Service Award by Dr. Phil Smith of UNMC.