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Interferon Gamma Release Assays (IGRAs): Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

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with public health applications of IGRAs provided by:

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moderated by David Ashkin, MD
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This session will include a presentation by Dr. Philip LoBue providing background on the development of IGRAs and a review of relevant IGRA studies performed to date. Special emphasis will be placed on recommendations and utilization of IGRAs following the new CDC guidelines for IGRAs (expected to be released in the first quarter of 2010) and the future of IGRAs. This session will also include details on the practical public health applications of both available IGRA tests: QuantiFERON presented by Dr. Thomas Dobbs and T-SPOT presented by Dr. Michael Stacey.

Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to:

- Describe the development of IGRAs using specific studies as examples
- Apply to practice the current CDC recommendations for the utilization of IGRAs in diagnosing active disease and latent TB infection
- Provide examples of future use of IGRAs
- Provide examples of public health applications of the specific use of QuantiFERON and T-SPOT
Registration
To best meet the needs of our region, this training event is offered on location at A.G. Holley State Hospital AND online via Live Meeting.

Pre-Registration is Required
To register, go to . . . http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/training.aspx

Please Note – during registration, you will see a drop-down menu where you will need to choose whether you want to participate in the online webinar via your computer OR the on location training.

Online Webinar
Connection information will be provided by email several days before the event and posted on our website’s home page (http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu) under What’s Happening.

On Location
A.G. Holley State Hospital, 1199 Lantana Road, Lantana, Florida

Continuing Medical Education
This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essentials Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of the Florida AHEC Network, the Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center, and A.G. Holley State Hospital. The Florida AHEC Network is accredited by the Florida Medical Association to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The Florida AHEC Network designates this educational activity for a maximum of 2 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Each physician should claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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Questions?
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