

March 2016

UPCOMING TRAINING

LTBI Webinar with Heidi and Dr. Winthrop

Wed, March 30

3:30-4:30 pm

Register [here](#).

OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES FOR TB TESTING IN JAILS

If you need a little review, the rules can be found [here](#).

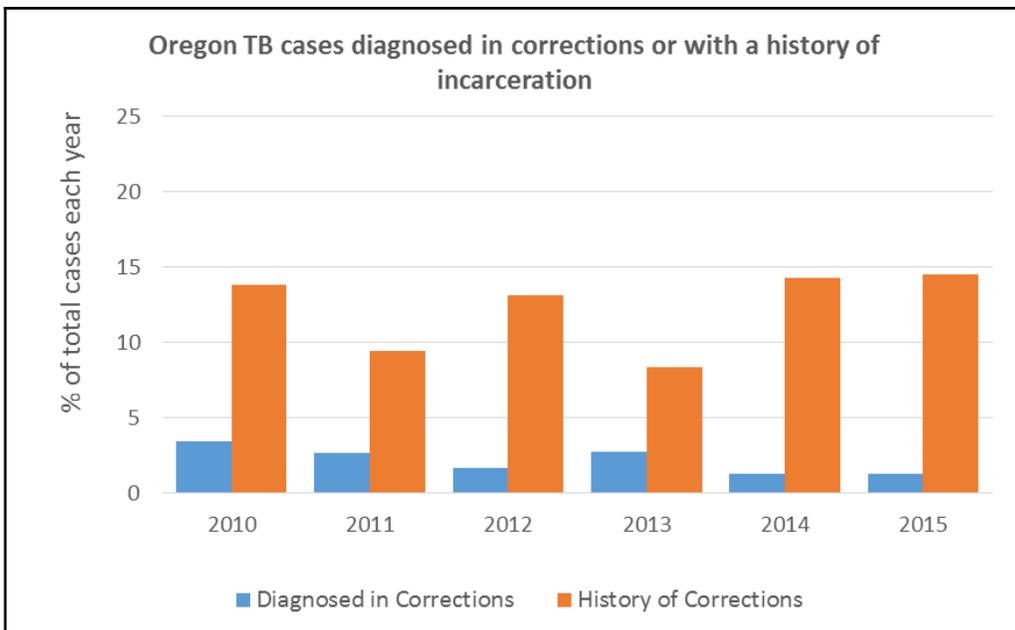
NEED TB EDUCATION IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES?

We have TB education in 17 different languages on our website [here](#).

TB in Oregon Correctional Facilities

The hard work you do to prevent TB in correctional facilities makes a difference! There was only 1 case of TB disease diagnosed in an Oregon correctional facility in 2015! Although Oregon is a “medium incidence” state for TB, the percentage of TB cases diagnosed in correctional facilities has been less than 1% for the past two years. This is much lower than the 2014 national percentage of 4.2%.

It is interesting to note that approximately 14% of 2015 TB cases reported they were incarcerated at some point in their lives. (see chart below). Continuing to screen and test inmates for latent TB infection is still critical!



World TB, March 24, 2016

The theme for World TB Day this year is: **End TB.**

Posters and other materials from CDC can be found [here](#).



Correctional Facility TB Toolkit

The Southeastern National TB Center recently released a [toolkit](#) just for you! The toolkit has forms to help you track inmate TB testing, monitor airborne infection isolation rooms (All) and MORE! [Check it out!](#)

What's up ? Reporting latent TB infection (LTBI) and TB Disease

Although LTBI is a reportable disease in some states, it is not in Oregon. So...medical providers (including correctional facilities) are not required by law to report positive TB skin tests, QuantiFERON tests or T Spot results to anyone. However, we do strongly encourage you to follow-up with your local health department or our TB program if you have an inmate releasing with a positive test for LTBI. We can help to ensure the inmate is treated.

Also, if an inmate completes LTBI treatment while incarcerated, please complete this [form](#) and fax it to us at 971-673-0178. We put this information in a database so the results can be obtained later if needed by other correctional facilities, shelters, etc.

Any inmate strongly suspected of having TB disease or confirmed to have TB disease needs to be [reported](#). Jails should report this to their [local health department](#). State or Federal Correctional facilities should contact our program at 971-673-0169 or heidi.behm@state.or.us to report.

Reporting gives you access to clinical expertise, lab services and more! Never hesitate to give a call.



Reminder: Discard open vial of PPD solution after 30 days

If you check out the package inserts for [Tubersol](#) and [Aplisol](#), you'll find the following language: "Vials in use more than 30 days should be discarded due to possible oxidation and degradation which may affect potency." When a vial of tuberculin is opened, write the date it was opened on the vial and dispose of it when it's 30 days old. Unfortunately this means tuberculin will occasionally be wasted...**however** it is more important to have a valid test! Also note tuberculin shouldn't be frozen or exposed to light except when doses are being withdrawn from the bottle.

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