Public Health Obligation to Control TB in Texas

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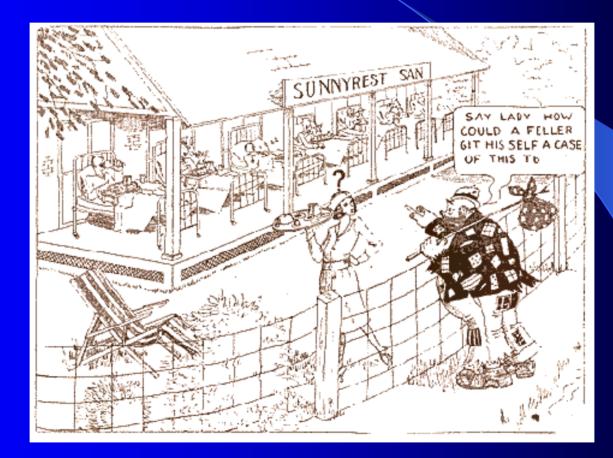
### Why TB?

- Not common problem in the U.S. or Texas
- Treatment is available
- Other conditions much more common:
  - Heart disease
  - Obesity
  - Cancer
  - Trauma



Not glamorous
No one famous has it
No telethons

#### Cartoon, Late 19<sup>th</sup> C, Canada



# TB Ward, USA, early 20<sup>th</sup> C



#### Rock Island Sanitarium, 1966



# The faces of TB in Africa today



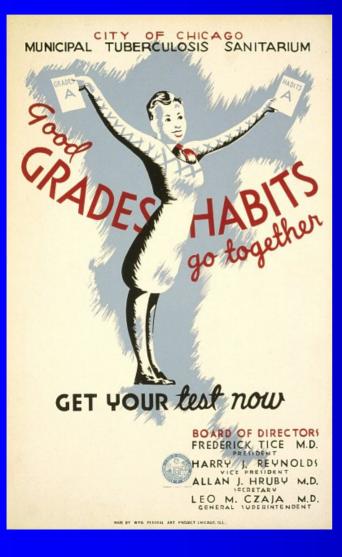




# TB Clinic Waiting Room Chicago, 1941



#### **City of Chicago Posters**





#### Children in Springfield Ohio TB Sanitarium, 1943

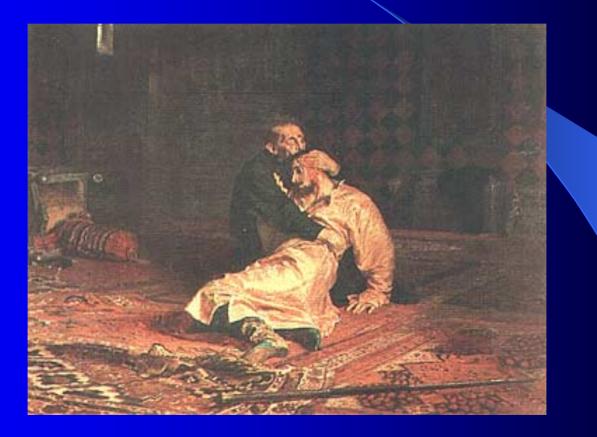
#### Deborah Heart & Lung Center Volunteer Recruitment Poster



### TB Nurses, Buffalo NY, 19th C



#### Russian Art-1882



# **TB Exam 1910**



# TB Hospital, Iowa City



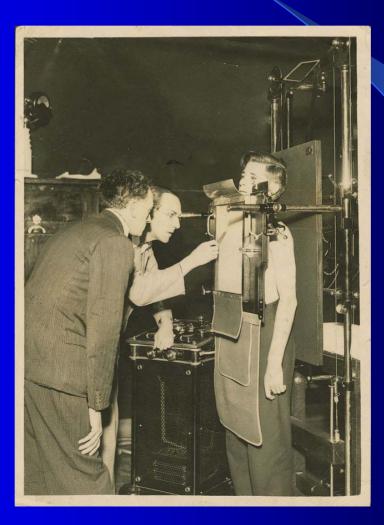
### "Tent" Sanitarium, USA, 1920s



# TB Sanitarium, UK, 1930s



# X Ray-UK, 1935



- Treatment is not available to all for most causes of morbidity, mortality
  - Health insurance issues
  - Access issues
  - Effective treatments/prevention for those ailments

### Why TB?

- Situation changing
- Early part of century serious problem
- "Cured"
- Resurgence in the 1980s

### Why TB?

- Mobile society
- World wide –biggest killer
- Immigration
- HIV

# The faces of TB in Africa Today





#### Russian TB Treatment 1990s





### Public Health in Russia-Red Cross



### Russian Poster: "Tuberculosis is Curable!"



#### **TB** today

- Changing demographics
   Immigration
- Immigration
- Treatment that is inadequate, here and abroad

- Leading causes of morbidity and mortality in US are not communicable directly
- Trauma
- Obesity
- Heart disease

#### How?

- Key is public health
- Obligation to report all persons
- Obligation to prevent and control– public health

- Treatment is now primarily outpatient
- Requires legwork
- Requires meticulous follow up

- Mission of public health
- Expertise
- Resources

- Still cannot be accomplished in isolation
  Partnership essential
- "Medical Home"

- Formerly inpatient therapy
- Now outpatient
- Directly observed therapy

Finding all cases of active TB
Ensuring completion of therapy
Appropriate case management

Conducting program evaluation

- Ensuring human resource development
  - Internal project training and education

- Finding and evaluating persons who have had contact with infectious cases
- Identifying those with TB and latent TB infection (LTBI)
- Completing treatment of TB disease and LTBI

Conducting TB surveillanceTB Laboratory

#### **Partnership**

- Local health departments
- Regional public health
- State program
- National –CDC
- International
- Academia
- Private sector

Communicable Disease Control statutes
Control orders

Quarantine, isolation

- Resources
- Support
- Awareness
- Education



TB controlTB elimination

# **TB in Russia Today-Collage**

