2012 Physician Practices in Controlling and Treating TB disease and Infection Survey

National Society of TB Clinicians

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Used AMA database to select a sample of physicians who practiced in areas which had at least 5 cases of active TB disease between 1985-89
Sampled 600 physicians in each category:
FP, GP, Ped, IM, Pulmonary, Geriatricians, ID

* 3600 selected physicians, 1772 responded.
* Results showed that in general physicians did not treat TB well and were unaware of the TB guidelines which existed as of 1992
CDC Response

- 2003 Treatment of Tuberculosis (ATS, IDSA, CDC)
- 2005 Creation of four Regional Training and Medical Consultation Centers (RTM CCs)
- Numerous publications, lectures, courses
- National TB Controllers Association
  - National TB Nurses Coalition
  - National Society of TB Clinicians
Ken Castro, Director, DTBE, CDC, asked the NSTC to do a follow-up survey—Have these activities made a difference?

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Survey questions have been developed, using the 1997 publication questions, though updated.

AMA is going to review the survey and recommend the electronic format which is most likely to obtain the best response from the selected physicians.

AMA will de-identify the responses, tally the results and return the data to the team to interpret.