

TUBERCULOSIS DIPLOMATE



Given that tuberculosis is a serious health problem throughout the world, it is imperative to train among health staff members, experts in preventing, diagnosing, treating, rehabilitating and controlling tuberculosis, contributing to the global reduction of this disease; in addition to generating new knowledge through clinical research and forming an army of health educators who understand and spread information about this disease, both to the general population and to health personnel in training.

That is why, on August 12, 2017, the First Diplomate in Tuberculosis organized by Servicios Médicos de la Frontera (SMF), through its Center of Diagnosis and Integral Treatment for Tuberculosis (CDTITB), began. The academic endorsement was granted by the Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez (UACJ).

There were 27 students and 20 teachers who formed the project. The group of students consisted of 9 doctors, 7 nurses, one nutritionist, one psychologist, one chemist, 5 laboratory technicians, 2 X-ray technicians and one medical student. The group of teachers was composed of 2 Masters in Public Health, 2 pediatricians, one pediatric infectious disease specialist, one pediatric endocrinologist, one pediatric neurologist, one pediatric immunologist, 2 pediatric pulmonologists, one internist, one pulmonologist, 3 radiologists, 2 chemists, one microbiologist, one psychologist and one nutritionist.

The Diplomate lasted 4 months (16 Saturdays) and was taught by local professors from Ciudad Juárez and Chihuahua, both cities belonging to the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, all with vast experience in the subject. The group of students belong to the following institutions: Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez, Government of the State of Chihuahua, Juntos Binational TB Project and Servicios Médicos de la Frontera.

During the Diplomate, topics of great relevance were given in relation to the epidemiology, diagnosis, treatment, prevention, complications and sequelae of tuberculosis, among others.

Likewise, the students had the opportunity to carry out practical activities in the laboratory specialized in tuberculosis, where they could know the processes with state-of-the-art technology to carry out the diagnosis and sensitivity tests of tuberculosis. Likewise, they had the opportunity to interact in the radiological consensus with the team of radiologists, as well as with the doctors, nurses and patients of the Center of Diagnosis and Integral Treatment for Tuberculosis of Servicios Médicos de la Frontera.

Dr. Isaías Orozco Andrade was the Coordinator and Academic Holder of the Diplomate.

It should be noted that all students received a full scholarship, which included the total cost of registration and support materials throughout the development of the Diplomate, whose financial resource was 100% subsidized by Servicios Médicos de la Frontera. We intend to carry out, annually, subsequent editions of the Diplomate.

This Diplomate is part of the actions that Servicios Médicos de la Frontera, as a socially responsible company, carries out permanently in favor of a community free of tuberculosis, reiterating its commitment for the common good of our society.