

Diagnosing and Treating Tourette Syndrome Physician Outreach



The Tourette Syndrome Association (TSA) is in the fifth year of a program partnership with the US Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) to provide medical education on diagnosing and treating Tourette Syndrome (TS) to physicians and allied health professionals nationwide.

TSA seeks to educate and identify physicians who work with or may want to work with children, individuals, and families affected by Tourette Syndrome.

Faculty from the TSA Medical Advisory Board will present at your facility or center.

All programs are free of charge to medical centers, hospitals, and medical schools or professional medical and allied health organizations. Our staff will work with your designate to develop the program.

TSA is also developing opportunities to reach even more physicians through live web-based programs, teleconferencing and dissemination of learning materials on CD and DVD.

Participants will receive:

- Authoritative information on Tourette Syndrome, common co-occurring conditions, differential diagnosis, and information about the latest treatments, medications and case management.
- A comprehensive CD-DVD featuring practice parameters, important published papers, and useful videos.
- Opportunity for CME credit.
- Access to online medical education resources on TSA's website <http://tsa-usa.org>, featuring online CME, CNE presentations, including "Diagnosing & Treating Tourette Syndrome" with John Walkup, MD.
- Opportunity to be included on TSA's physician and allied professional referral lists.

For more information or to develop a medical or allied professional presentation at your facility, please contact:

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TSA has held over
130 medical programs
with over 8,000
medical professionals
in attendance.

89% of attendees
reported that they
expected their skills
in diagnosing and
treating TS to be
better as a result
of the program.

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Tourette Syndrome Association Continues Precedent-Setting Partnership with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Emphasis on Physician Outreach & Training, Underserved Areas and Populations

BAYSIDE, NY – September 1, 2008 - The national Tourette Syndrome Association (TSA), a membership driven, non-profit organization dedicated to serving all people with Tourette Syndrome (TS), continues its successful program partnership with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities to launch extensive programs to promote medical awareness of TS.

Now in its unprecedented fifth year, the partnership includes symposia, grand rounds and medical education programs for physicians and allied health care professionals across the country, provision of educational materials and plans to expand its scope by offering teleconferencing and webinars. Where possible, live programs will be held in underserved areas and in association with TSA nationwide chapters. To date, over 17,000 physicians, allied health and education professionals have participated. Invitations to develop programs and presentations in the year beginning September 1 are currently being solicited.

Physician advisors and researchers associated with TSA will again offer free comprehensive education for physicians in recognition of the complexities of the diagnosis and treatment of TS and its co-morbidities. The goals of this effort are to increase the knowledge in best practices for TS treatment and to enlist more physicians and allied professionals to serve people with Tourette Syndrome.

Physicians and allied health professionals who participate in grand rounds and medical education programs will receive supplemental learning materials in DVD, CD and other formats to further their knowledge of TS. Most programs offer an opportunity to receive Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits. Online CME offerings on the national TSA website at <http://tsa-usa.org> continue to be expanded, enabling participants to continue their education and to avail themselves of other online resources developed by expert TSA Medical Advisory Board members.

Look for Hot Topics, TSA's online panel discussion on the controversies and challenges in the evaluation, management and treatment of TS and co-occurring conditions. The site currently offers several online CME/CNE programs, including a Spanish language presentation. TSA also offers participating medical and allied professionals the opportunity to be included in its physician referral and allied professional referral listings at no charge; lists are free to recipients.

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Marked by involuntary twitching and vocal tics, TS is an inherited, neurobiological disorder frequently misunderstood and misdiagnosed, affecting more than 200,000 Americans. TSA is a national voluntary organization that directs a network of 45 chapters and more than 300 support groups across the country. For more information on TS, call 1-888-4-TOURET or visit <http://tsa-usa.org>. The information provided in this material was supported by Grant/Cooperative Agreement Number U38 DD000343 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The contents are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official views of the CDC.

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