# **Diagnosis and Treatment of Active TB Disease in Adults**

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## 74 YO Female

- Physical Exam
  - Temp 97.8°F; BP 136/77; Pulse 136; RR 22
  - O<sub>2</sub> Sat. 98% on 3L/min NC O<sub>2</sub>
  - NAD
  - Chest: crackles R base

LAB:

WBC 9,700

PMN 86.5%, Lymph 8.2% Mono 5.2% Hb 9.3 gm/dL; Platelets 570K; BUN/Creat 12/0.84 mg/dL

# Elderly patient with chronic cough and weight loss

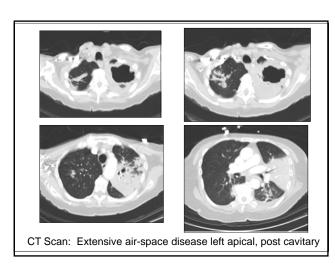
### HOPI

- 74 year-old, African American female
- Seen at OSU ER with complaints of shortness of breath and progressive weakness
- . Increasing SOB over the last 4 days
- Associated with fevers, chills, cough, with purulent sputum
- Family noted history of cough and weight loss over last several months

# **CXR**

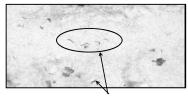








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- Bronchial alveloar lavage (BAL)



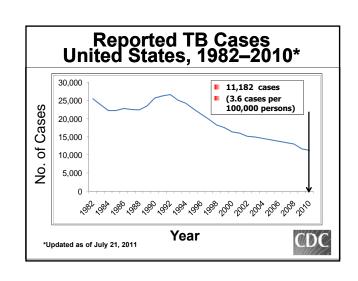
• 5/5 Sputa "Heavy acid fast bacilli (AFB)-Positive"

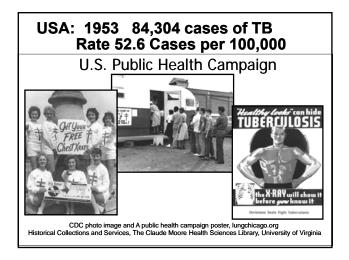
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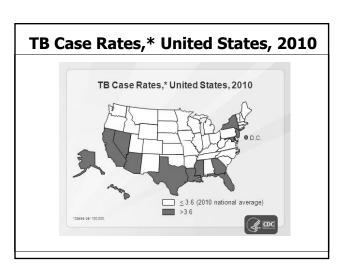
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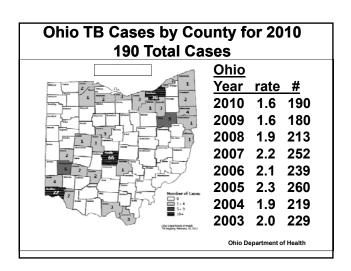
# **Estimated TB incidence rate** ■ 9 million new TB cases each year ■ 2 million deaths ■ One life every 20 seconds # new cases per 100,000 population **WHO**

# The hidden Epidemic – Latent TB Infection • Every one second someone is newly infected with TB • Two billion people, 1/3 of the world's total population, are infected with TB • One in 10 people infected with TB bacilli will develop active TB Slide courtesy of Ian Durrant, PhD





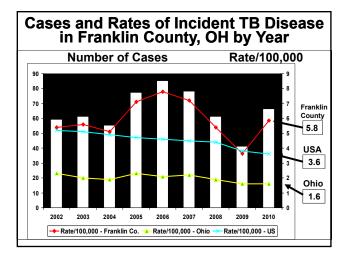




# **Clinical Case**

### HOPI

- 28 year old Chinese female, 32 week pregnant
- Presented to OSH ER with hemoptysis
- C/O cough X 2 days, associated with mild SOB
- No fever, chills, night sweat, appetite loss, fatigue, or weight loss
- Denies any history contact with known active tuberculosis
- · History positive TST, no latent TB therapy
- Received BCG vaccine in China as a child



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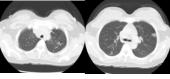
### **Laboratory**

 WBC 6.1, Hgb 10.1gm/dL, Platelets 192, Cr. 0.5, AST 41, ALT 51, HIV negative

## Radiology

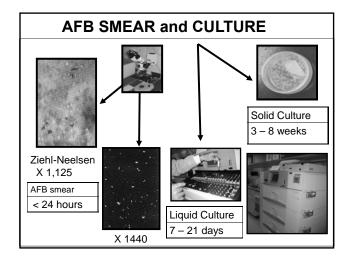
CXR - Mild asymmetric patchy LUL opacity

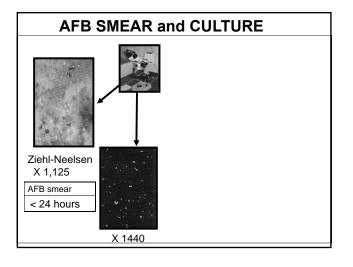
CT - No PE -Extensive diffuse nodular disease



# **Hospital course**

- Admitted for Community Acquired Pneumonia and
  - Azithromycin and ceftriaxone
- Rule out TB in Negative Air Isolation
  - Sputum AFB and smear X 3
  - Tuberculin Skin Test
  - Interferon gamma release assay





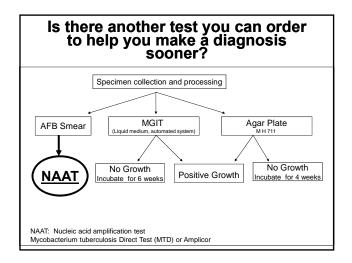
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- •Discharge home on INH for Latent TB Treatment
- •Follow up at the Health Department



# Is there another test you can order to help you make a diagnosis sooner? Specimen collection and processing Agar Plate MH 7/11 No Growth Incubate for 6 weeks No Growth Incubate for 6 weeks No Growth Incubate for 4 weeks

### **Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT)**

- Direct, rapid, detection of *M. tb* complex (rRNA)
  - Patients suspected of TB
  - Takes about 4 to 5 hours
  - Approved for respiratory specimens only
    - -Smear positive and smear negative
  - Non-respiratory specimen (validated by labs)
  - Can detect fewer than 10 organisms
  - Does not distinguish live vs dead organism

MMWR July 7, 2000

# CDC Guidelines - 2009 **Nucleic Acid Amplification Test**

- Collect specimen for AFB, culture, & **NAAT**
- · Interpret results with AFB smear.

NAAT	AFB	Recommend
+	+	Start treatment. PPV >95% NAAT in AFB+ cases
+	-	Repeat NAAT test. Presume TB if >=2 NAA (+)
-	+	Presume nontuberculous mycobacteria (NTM)
-	-	Use clinical judgment.     NAAT sensitivity 50-80% in detection AFB (-) Culture (+) pulmonary TB

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BAL day 4	Negative	Negative
Sputum day 9*	Negative	Negative

\*All subsequent sputum smear and culture negative

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  - Positive
- Nucleic acid amplification test:
  - Positive

# **Antimyobacterial Drugs**

## First-Line Drugs

- Isoniazid (INH)
- Rifampin (RIF)
- Pyrazinamide (PZA)
- Ethambutol (EMB)



### Second-Line Drugs

- Streptomycin
- Cycloserine
- p-Aminosalicylic acid
- Ethionamide
- Amikacin or kanamycin\*
- Capreomycin
- Levofloxacin\*
- Moxifloxacin\*
- Linezolid\*
- \* Not approved FDA for TB Treatment

## **Treatment of Culture-Positive TB**

Initial Phase

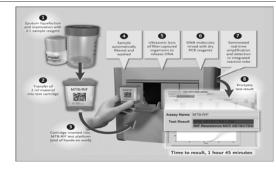
2 months - INH, RIF, PZA, EMB daily (56 doses, within 8 weeks)

Continuation Phase

### Options:

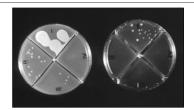
- 1) 4 months INH, RIF daily (126 doses, within 18 weeks)
- 2) 4 months INH, RIF twice / week (36 doses, within 18 weeks)
- 3) 7 months INH, RIF daily (217 doses, within 31 weeks)\*
- 4) 7 months INH, RIF twice / week (62 doses, within 31 weeks)\*
- •Continuation phase increased to 7 months
  - •chest x-ray shows cavitation and cx positive at 2 months
  - •Or NO PZA in initial phase

# Rapid Molecular Detection of Drug Resistance for *M. tuberculosis*



Boehme CC et al. N Engl J Med 2010;363:1005-1015

# **Drug Susceptibility testing**



MDR (Multi-drug resistant) TB = Resistant to isoniazid and Rifampin

XDR (Extensive Drug Resistance) TB MDR + Resistance fluoroquinolone +

Resistance injectable (amikacin, capreomycin)

# **Common Adverse Reactions to Drug Treatment**

Caused by	Adverse Reaction	Signs and Symptoms
Any drug	Allergy	Skin rash
Ethambutol	Eye damage	Blurred or changed vision Changed color vision
Isoniazid, Pyrazinamide, or Rifampin	Hepatitis	Abdominal pain Abnormal liver function test results Fatigue Lack of appetite Nausea Vomiting Yellowish skin or eyes Dark urine

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Isoniazid	Peripheral neuropathy	Tingling sensation in hands and feet
Pyrazinamide	Gastrointestinal intolerance	Upset stomach, vomiting, lack of appetite
	Arthralgia	Joint aches
	Arthritis	Gout (rare)
Streptomycin	Ear damage	Balance problems
		Hearing loss
		Ringing in the ears

results

Abnormal kidney function test

Kidney damage

# LTBI

- TST positive
- CXR Negative
- No symptoms or physical findings suggestive of TB disease

### **Pulmonary TB Disease**

- TST and IGRA may be positive
- CXR may be abnormal
- Symptoms may include one or more of the following: fever, cough, night sweats, weight loss, fatigue, hemoptysis, decreased appetite
- Respiratory specimens may be smear or culture positive
- · NAAT may be positive

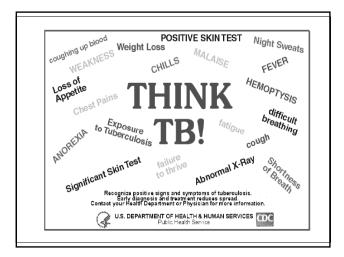
LTBI = Latent TB Infection; TST = Tuberculin skin test, IGRA = interferon gamma release assay NAAT= Nucleic acid amplification test

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Caused by	Adverse Reaction	Signs and Symptoms
Rifamycins	Thrombocytopenia	Easy bruising
■Rifabutin		Slow blood clotting
■Rifapentine ■Rifampin	Gastrointestinal intolerance	Upset stomach
	Drug interactions	Interferes with certain medications, such as birth control pills, birth control implants, and methadone treatment

# What to do if you suspect TB?

- Airborne Infection Isolation/precautions -
  - Negative airflow room <u>and</u> N-95 respirator mask
- CXR
- Respiratory AFB smear and culture
- Tuberculin skin test/ IGRA -TB blood test
- HIV Test
- · Smear and culture from other sites
- Nucleic Acid amplification test on sputum smear
- Drug Susceptibility
- REPORT ALL TB SUSPECTS to TB Control Program



# **Objectives**

- To become familiar with the epidemiology of infection and disease caused by Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex (TB) in children
- To understand current algorithms for the diagnosis of TB infection and disease in children
- To know the treatment regimens for latent TB infection (LTBI) in children





# **Pediatric Tuberculosis Update**

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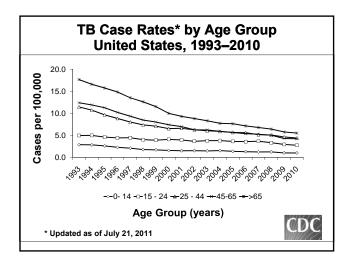
# **Pediatric TB**

- Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex\* (TB)
  - M. tuberculosis
  - M. africanum
  - M. bovis and M. bovis bacillus Calmette-Guérin
  - M. microti and M. pinnipedii
  - M. canettii, oryx bacillus, and dassie bacillus (proposed)
- Pediatric TB
  - Infection or disease in children or adolescents < 15 years of age

\*BMC Infectious Diseases 2010, 10:80

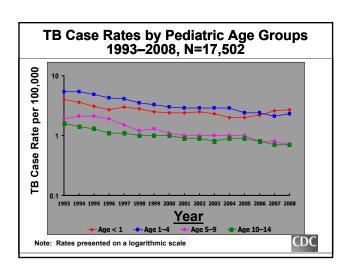
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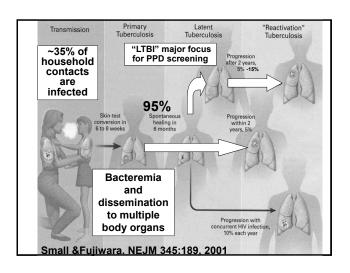
- Incident case of disease
- Case verification categories
  - Laboratory confirmed cases "Gold Standard"
    - Positive culture, DNA probe, or nucleic acid amplification test
    - Positive AFB smear when culture not attainable
  - Clinical case definition
    - Positive tuberculin skin test
    - Signs and symptoms of TB disease
    - Current treatment for TB disease



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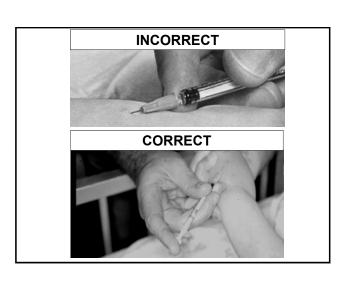
- Provider diagnosis
  - Diagnosed by health care provider
  - Does not fulfill all criteria necessary to meet laboratory or clinical case definitions







Age (years)	Disease	Risk of disease after primary infection (%
<1	None	50
	Pulmonary	30-40
	Meningitis or miliary	10-20
1-2	None	70-80
	Pulmonary	10-20
	Meningitis or miliary	2-5
2–5	None	95
	Pulmonary	5
	Meningitis or miliary	0.5
5–10	None	98
	Pulmonary	2
	Meningitis or miliary	<0.5
>10	None	80–90
	Pulmonary	10-20
	Meningitis or miliary	<0.5



# Definition of Positive Mantoux Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) Results in Children

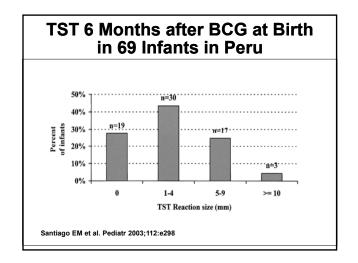
- Induration ≥ 5 mm
  - Children in contact with known active TB
  - Children with clinical or radiographic illness consistent with TB
  - Children who are immunocompromised
- Induration ≥ 10 mm

Children at increased risk of disseminated disease

Age < 4 years of age or underlying medical illness</li>

Children with increased exposure to TB

- Born or parents born in high-prevalence countries
- Frequent exposure to adults with high risk of TB
- Travel to high-prevalence countries
- Induration ≥ 15 mm
  - Age ≥ 4 years of age without any risk factors



# BCG Scar after Vaccination at Birth 2 months after birth 6 months after birth Santiago EM et al. Pediatr 2003;112:e298

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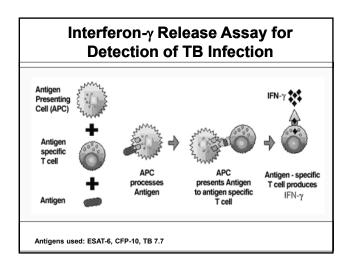
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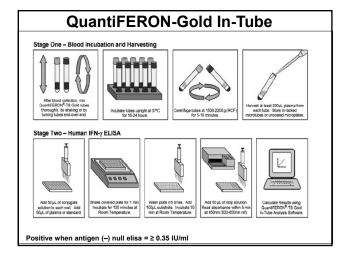
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"For persons who have received BCG and who are not at increased risk for a poor outcome if infected, TST reactions of <15 mm in size may reasonably be discounted as false positives when an IGRA is clearly negative."

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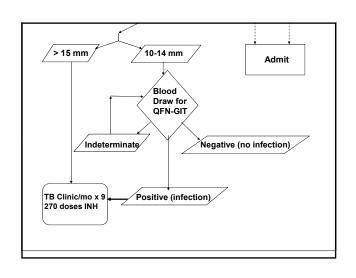


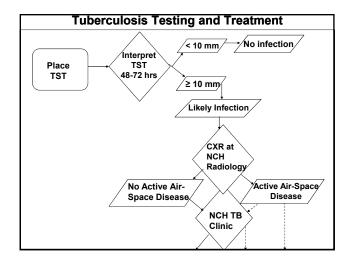
TST
in vivo test
Less specific PPD
May cause boosting
2 patient visits
Results in 2-3 days
TST placement skills
Inter-reader variability



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Non-tuberculous Mycobacteria	ESAT	CFP 1
M. kansasii	+	+
M. marinum	+	+
M. szulgai	+	+





# Approach to Diagnosis of TB in Children

- Child ≥ 5 yrs old with known exposure to TB: IGRA and TST
- Child < 5 yrs old with known exposure to TB: use TST</li>
- Child of any age with suspected TB: TST and IGRA, and aggressively seek TB isolate and epidemiology of exposure
- Child < 5 yrs old immigrating from high risk country without known TB exposure: use TST as screen – follow Redbook guidelines for interpretation
- Child ≥ 5 yrs old immigrating from high risk country without known TB exposure: use TST as screen:
  - If TST ≥ 15 mm, assume TB infection
  - If TST 10-14 mm, obtain IGRA to confirm or refute TB infection

Powell DA. Pediatr Infect Dis J 2009;28:676

# Question

# Which of the regimen(s) would you prescribe for LTBI therapy in a child?

- a. 2 months of pyrazinamide and rifampin
- b. 3 months of isoniazid and rifapentine (12 weekly doses)
- c. 4 months of rifampin
- d. 6 months of rifampin
- e. 9 months of Isoniazid

Treatment of LTBI in Children			
Drug	Duration	Daily Dose	Comment
Isoniazid	9	10-15 mg/kg (max 300 mg)	270 doses
Rifampin	6	10-20 mg/kg (max 600 mg)	180 doses INH resistant TB
Isoniazid/ Rifapentine	3	H − 15 mg/kg 12 weeks  (max 900 mg) ≥ 12 years of P - 10.0−14.0 kg 300 mg  14.1−25.0 kg 450 mg  25.1−32.0 kg 600 mg  32.1−49.9 kg 750 mg  ≥50.0 kg 900 mg max	

# Answers - b, d, or e

- Recommend 9 months of INH
- Acceptable alternatives
  - 6 months of Rifampin
  - 12 doses of INH and Rifapentine\*
    - · Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) only
    - Enrollment 6/01-2/08, follow-up ended 9/30/10
    - 9H, 15/3745 (0.43%) 69% completion, discontinuation 3.6%
    - 3HP, 7/3986 (0.19%) 82% completion, discontinuation 4.7%
    - Otherwise healthy patients ≥ 12 years of age
- PZA and RIF combination therapy is no longer recommended due to hepatotoxicity and deaths

\*MMWR. Recommendations for Use of an Isoniazid-Rifapentine Regimen with Direct Observation to Treat Latent Mycobacterium tuberculosis Infection N Engl J Med 2011;365:2155-66

# Progressive Primary Pulmonary TB in Children



4-month-old female with RLL consolidation and R hilar lymphadenopathy

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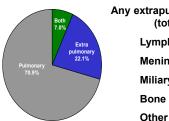
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Site of Disease	Age < 1 (n=1,697)	Age 1-4 (n=8,616)	Age 5-9 (n=3,991)	Age 10-14 (n=3,198)
Lymphatic	7.8	19.3	22.2	19.4
Meningeal	7.6	3.6	1.5	1.8
Miliary	5.5	1.2	0.6	1.1
Bone & Joint	0.4	1.3	1.6	2.4
Other	3.5	2.7	4.2	8.4
Total	24.8	28.1	30.1	33.1

\*Any extrapulmonary involvement includes extrapulmonary only and both



# Pediatric TB Cases by Site of Disease, 1993–2008



Any extrapulmonary involvement\* (totaling 29.1%)

Lymphatic 18.9%
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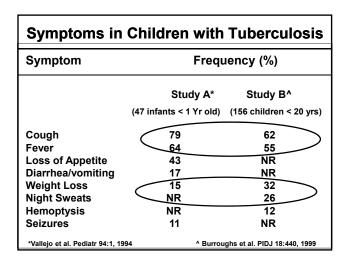


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Site of Disease	Age < 1 (n=1,697)	Age 1-4 (n=8,616)	Age 5-9 (n=3,991)	Age 10-14 (n=3,198)
Lymphatic	7.8	19.3	22.2	19.4
Meningeal	7.6	3.6	1.5	1.8
Miliary	5.5	1.2	0.6	1.1
Bone & Joint	0.4	1.3	1.6	2.4
Other	3.5	2.7	4.2	8.4
Total	24.8	28.1	30.1	33.1

\*Any extrapulmonary involvement includes extrapulmonary only and both

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# **Conclusions**

- A major focus of TB eradication in the US has been to identify and treat patients with LTBI – treatment is prolonged and compliance is difficult
- Childhood TB is most often pulmonary and may appear like many other forms of pneumonia
- In the U.S., interferon-γ release assays have already replaced TSTs for targeted screening in adults, but their use in children, < 5 years of age in particular, continues to be defined
- Pediatric LTBI and TB disease treatment mirrors that in adults - a weekly 12-dose regimen of INH and rifapentine has been approved recently by the CDC for LTBI