Welcome to our first issue!

I am pleased to share with you the first issue of the WHO Stop TB Department quarterly newsletter - Stop TB e-focus. Its purpose is to provide information and updates on WHO’s efforts to advance universal access to TB prevention, care and control. It highlights key WHO products and publications, web news and meetings.

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More evidence and better diagnosis needed before redefining severe forms of drug-resistant TB

Reports of tuberculosis (TB) cases with severe patterns of drug resistance are increasing, said experts who attended a WHO consultation in Geneva on 21-22 March. Participants stressed that the emergence of drug resistance should be a wake-up call for Ministries of Health. The group urged the global TB community to make greater efforts to prevent drug resistance and scale up provision of appropriate care and management to avoid a scenario where TB becomes incurable.

More on this story
Frequently asked questions on drug resistant TB

Key Publications

- WHO policy on collaborative TB/HIV activities: guidelines for national programmes and other stakeholders
- Working together with businesses: Guidance on TB and TB/HIV prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care in the workplace
- Electronic recording and reporting for tuberculosis care and control
- Early detection of tuberculosis: An overview of approaches, guidelines and tools

Recent scientific articles


Meetings

- 4th Annual GLI Meeting/Consultation of the SRL network/Early implementers meeting on Xpert MTB/RIF roll out
  Annecy, France, 17-19 April
- First Meeting of the “Task Force for the Development of New Policies for the Treatment of TB”
  Geneva, Switzerland, 26-27 April
- Technical consultation to review evidence on screening for active TB
  Geneva, Switzerland, 23-24 May
- Strategic and Technical Advisory Group for Tuberculosis
  Geneva, Switzerland, 18- 20 June
  *Results of meetings will be available on our website at: www.who.int/tb

Announcements

New website launched to collect data on Xpert MTB/RIF use
More

New Resources

- Videos
  Childhood TB
- Factsheets
  Tuberculosis Facts 2011/2012
  Combating tuberculosis in children
  TB/HIV Facts 2011/12
- Intensifying TB case detection: Country updates

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