

# Drugs used in tuberculosis

## Objectives:

- Discuss the etiology of tuberculosis.
- Discuss the common route for transmission of the disease.
- Discusses the out line for treatment of tuberculosis.
- Discuss the drugs used in the first & second line

### Regarding:

- The mechanism of action
- Adverse effects
- Drug interactions
- Contraindication
- Discuss tuberculosis & pregnancy.
- Discuss tuberculosis & breast feeding.

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- Titles
- Very important
- Extra information
- Doctor's notes

# Tuberculosis

**Etiology:** *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, slow growing, an acid fast bacillus.

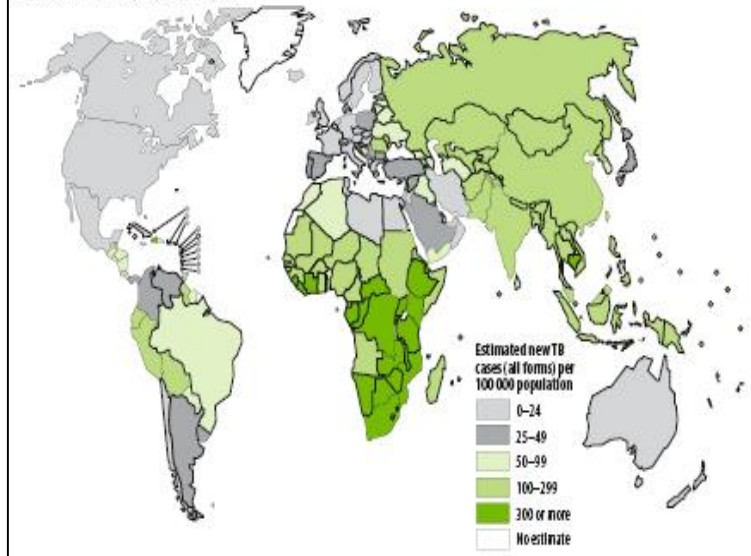
**Robert Koch** was the first to see *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* with his staining technique in 1882.

- Each year, 1% of the global population is infected.

More than one third of the world's population has tuberculosis.



Estimated TB incidence rates, 2005



Crowded, poorly ventilated houses promote growth of bacteria and chance of spreading infection. Isolation of patients is important. Individuals should not spit and should cover their mouth when coughing or sneezing.

## Common sites of infections

- Apical areas of lung. oxygen rich areas
- Renal parenchyma.
- Growing ends of bones.

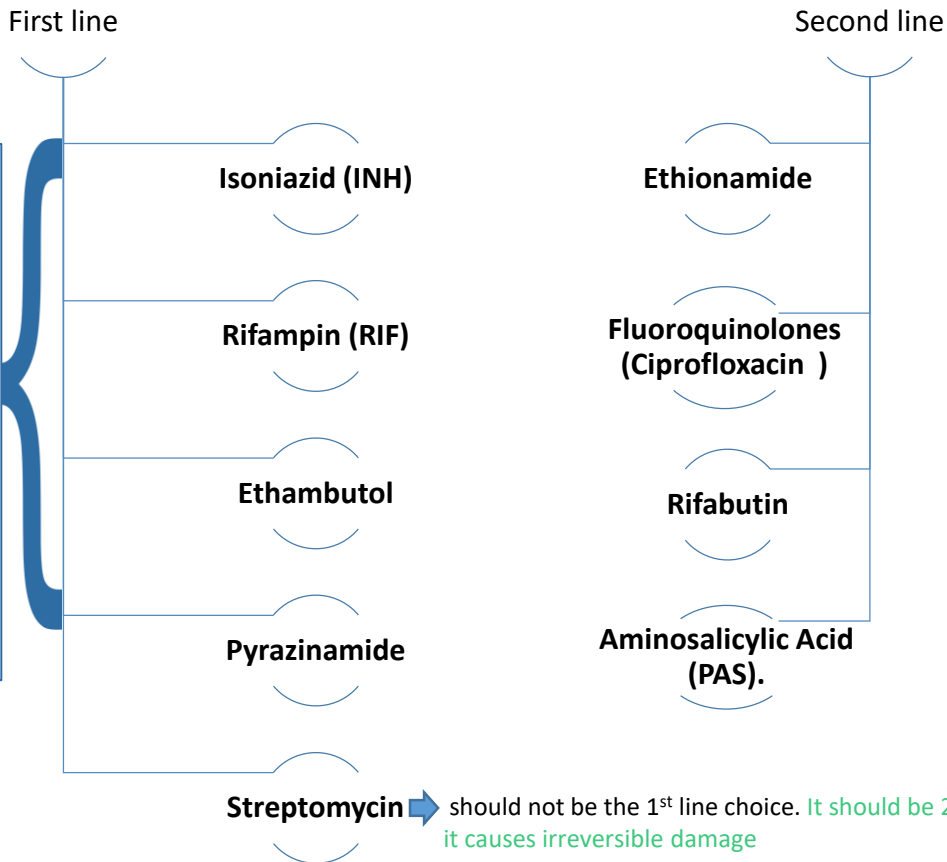
## Treatment Of Tuberculosis

Preventing development of drug resistance is the most important reason to use drug combination.

Periods of treatment: ( minimum 6 months).

# Tuberculosis

according to Terms of toxicity and clinical evidence Drugs are divided into two groups:



## Never use a single drug therapy!

- **Isoniazid –rifampin** combination administered for 9 months will cure 95-98% of cases .
- Addition of pyrazinamide/ethambutol for this combination for the first 2 months allows total duration to be reduced to 6 months.

Use four drugs for two months then use only INH/RIF to avoid toxicity as possible this will give you 6 months of treatment instead of 9 months using INH/RIF only

# 1<sup>st</sup> Line Treatment

	Isoniazid	Rifampin	Ethambutol	Pyrazinamide	Streptomycin
<b>About Drug</b>	Bacteriostatic for resting bacilli. Bactericidal for rapidly growing bacilli.	Bactericidal	Bacteriostatic		Bactericidal
<b>Mechanism of Action</b>	Inhibits the synthesis of mycobacterial cell wall (inhibit the synthesis of mycolic acid )	Inhibits RNA synthesis by binding to DNA dependent RNA polymerase enzyme.	Inhibitor of mycobacterial arabinosyl transferase ( alters the cell barrier ) disrupts the assembly of mycobacterial cell wall.	Unknown	Inhibitors of protein synthesis by binding to 30 S ribosomal subunits. Irreversible action.
<b>Active Against</b>	Intracellular & extracellular bacilli			Intracellular Bacilli	Extracellular bacilli Highly polar, Given IV.
<b>Clinical Use</b>	-Treatment of TB - Latent TB in patients with positive tuberculin skin test -Prophylaxis against active TB in individuals who are in great risk	-Treatment of TB  -Prophylaxis	-Treatment of TB in combination with other drugs.	-Mycobacterial infections mainly in multidrug resistance cases. - Important in short –course (6 months) regimen. -Prophylaxis of TB .	-Severe, life-threatening form of T.B. as meningitis, disseminated disease.
<b>Drug Interactions</b>	Enzyme inhibitor Slow and fast acetylators.	Enzyme inducer Clinically significant drug interactions such as warfarin, methadone will be metabolized faster	-		
<b>ADR</b>	-Peripheral neuritis (pin & needles sensation in the feet )  -Optic neuritis &atrophy.(Pyridoxine should be given in both cases )  -Hepatitis (toxic metabolites) Hepatitis with INH, is age dependent; it is rare in persons younger than 20 years , risk increases with age and alcohol use.	-Harmless red-orange discoloration of body secretions (saliva, sweat, tears ). Tell the patient about this effect. Can permanently stain contact lenses. -Hepatitis less common compared to INH -Flu-like syndrome -Hemolytic	-Impaired visual acuity  -red-green color blindness.  contraindicated in children under 5 years.	-Hepatotoxicity (common)  -Hyperuricemia ( gouty arthritis )  -Drug fever & skin rash	-Ototoxicity  -Nephrotoxicity  -Neuromuscular block very dangerous that in high doses patient might die

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Line Treatment

	Ethionamide	Fluoroquinolones (Ciprofloxacin )	Rifabutin	Aminosalicylic Acid (PAS)
<b>Mechanism of action</b>	Inhibits the synthesis of mycolic acid	-	- RNA inhibitor -Cross –resistance <sup>1</sup> with rifampin is complete. -Enzyme inducer (less potent than rifampin)	Bacteriostatic  inhibits Folic acid synthesis.
<b>Active against</b>			Extracellular and intracellular bacilli.	
<b>Clinical use</b>	As a secondary line agent ,treatment of TB.	Effective against multidrug- resistant tuberculosis	prevention and treatment of TB & <u>atypical TB</u> <sup>2</sup>	As a second line agent is used in the treatment of pulmonary & other forms of tuberculosis.
<b>ADRs</b>	- Teratogenic (interfering with the development of a fetus) - Poorly tolerated due to : Severe gastric irritation & Neurological manifestations.	-	- GIT intolerance - Orange-red discoloration of body secretions.	- GIT upset (shouldn't be used on empty stomach) -Crystalluria <sup>3</sup>

(1) Cross-resistance is the tolerance to a usually toxic substance as a result of exposure to a similarly acting substance.

(2) Atypical TB: diseases caused by non-tuberculosis mycobacteria (NTM). E.g. M. leprae causes leprosy.

(3) Crystalluria: the excretion of crystals in the urine, causing irritation of the kidney.

## Indications:

- **2nd line drug are more toxic than 1st line drugs, thus only used in these cases:**
  - Resistance to 1st line drugs.
  - Contraindication to 1st line drugs.
  - Failure of clinical response .
  - Used in typical & atypical tuberculosis.

### TB & Pregnancy

- Untreated TB represents a great risk to the pregnant woman & her fetus than the treatment itself.

- First line (INH, Ethambutol and rifampicin) drugs are given for 9 months in normal doses.

- **Streptomycin not used.**

### TB & Breast Feeding

- It is not a contraindication to receive drugs , but caution is recommended.

A 34-year-old foreign-born farm worker present to your clinic complaining of dark-red urine over the past several weeks. On further history, you learn that he had a positive PPD 2 months ago. At the time, a chest X-ray indicated a lesion in the right upper lobe, consistent with tuberculosis. He was started a multidrug therapy to eradicate the infection, which he states he is currently taking. The patient's physical examination is completely within normal limits. You reassure the patient that the urine discoloration is a harmless side effect of his medication, and you order a serum and urine studies to ensure that there is no indication of damage to liver or kidney.

**Q1: Which anti-mycobacterial agent is the patient currently taking?**

Rifampin

**Q2: What is the mechanism of action of this drug?**

Inhibits RNA synthesis by binding to DNA dependent RNA polymerase enzyme.

**Q3: Describe the Drug-Drug interaction mechanism of this drugs.**

This drug is an enzyme inhibitor which then will prolong the duration of action of any drug that is metabolized by enzymes as warfarin.

**Q4: What other side effect could we see in this patient.**

This drug causes discoloration of most of the body secretions including:

- Sweating.
- Tears.
- Urine.
- And saliva.

This drug also could cause nephritis and hepatitis.

Hemolytic anemia.

Flu like syndrome.

A 14-year-old foreign-born Hispanic woman arrives at your pediatric clinic for an annual physical examination. She immigrated to the kingdom 2 years ago and she lives with her parents, younger brother, and maternal grandmother. Of note, the grandmother was just hospitalized 2 days ago for fever, chills, and cough with sputum that demonstrates acid-fast bacilli bacteria. The patient's parents note that the patient's PPD has been positive in the past due to BCG vaccination as an infant. She reports no concerning symptoms and her physical examination is unremarkable. Nevertheless, given the grandmother's history, you decided to place the child on a prophylactic pharmacologic regimen to prevent active TB and you suggest that her brother and parents also consider prophylactic medication as well.

**Q1: What is the drug of choice in this prophylactic therapy?**

Isoniazid

**Q2: What is the mechanism of action of this drug.**

It has bactericidal and bacteriostatic effects which is caused by inhibition of the synthesis of mycobacterial cell wall (mycolic acid)

**Q3: List the major side effect of this drug.**

- Peripheral neuropathy due to vitamin B6 deficiency.
- Hepatitis.
- G6PD-deficient hemolytic anemia.

**Q4: Describe the Drug-Drug interaction mechanism of this drug.**

This drug is an enzyme inhibitor which then will decrease the duration of action of the drugs that are metabolized by the enzymes such as warfarin.



# QUIZ



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عبدالعزيز رضوان	اللولو الصليهم
مؤيد أحمد	روان القحطاني
فيصل العبادي	امل القرني
فارس النفيسة	شروق الصومالي
خالد العيسى	سما الحربي
عبدالرحمن العريفي	انوار العجمي
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