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# Multidrug-resistant Tuberculosis: Tools for Tackling a New Face of an Old Foe





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Untreated, each person with TB will infect on average between 10-15 people each year



- ☐ Treatment for MDR TB involves highly toxic, injectable drugs which cause severe side effects
- Every day I had to put up an IV infusion for myself and for 18 months I had to take 30 pills a day
- ☐ 10 of these pills were to combat side effects of the anti-tuberculosis medications





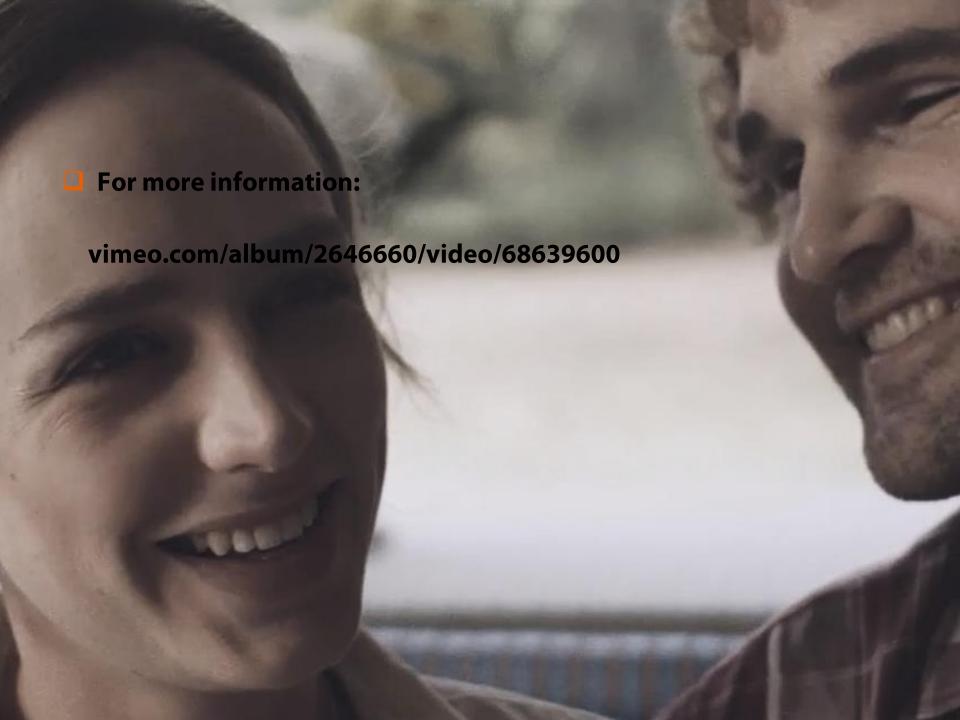
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and sudden death Bedaquiline is the first new drug to treat TB to be approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in over 40 years I was cured of MDR TB one year after being granted "compassionate" use of bedaquiline



# The Public Health Importance of Drug-resistant Tuberculosis



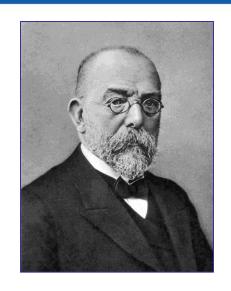
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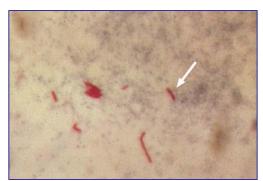
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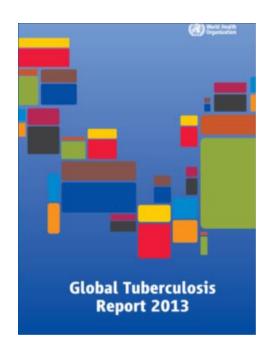
#### **Tuberculosis**

- Ancient disease dating to ~3400 BC
  - Mycobacterium tuberculosis discovered by Robert Koch in 1882
- Can cause latent TB infection (LTBI) and TB disease
- Primary involvement in lungs
- Airborne transmission by respiratory droplets
  - Highest risk in congregate settings, poor ventilation, or prolonged exposure
  - HIV infection an important contemporary risk factor
- Diagnosis by sputum smear microscopy
- First anti-TB drugs developed in 1940s





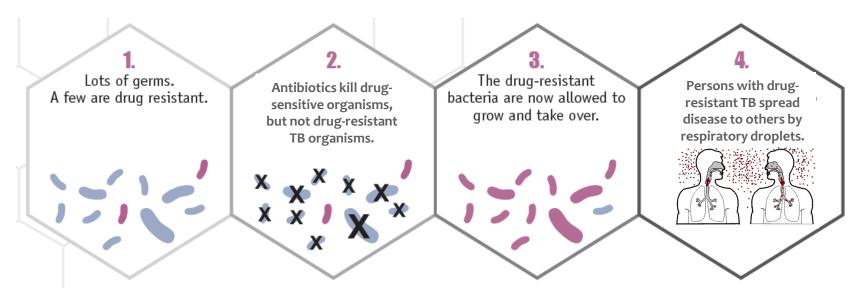
# **Tuberculosis: Global Health Importance**



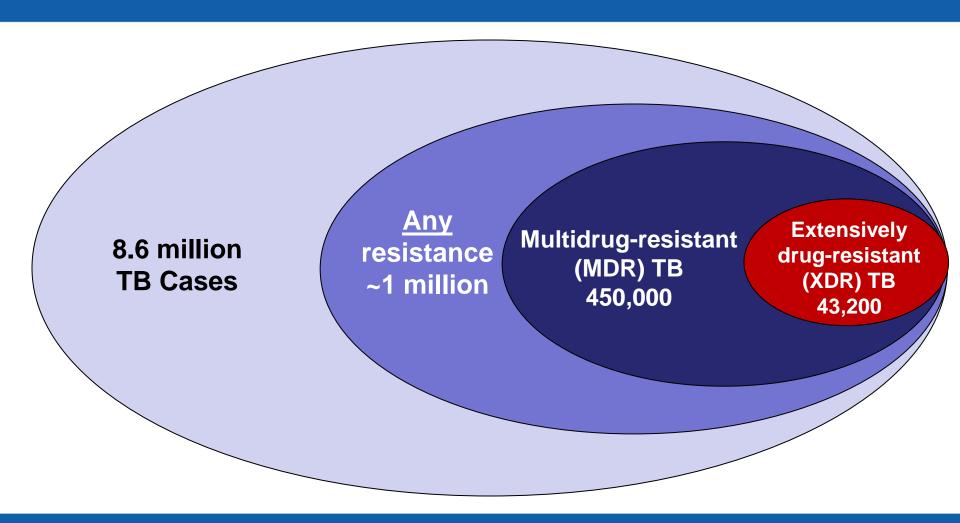
- 8.6 million new TB cases each year worldwide
- More than 95% cure rate
  - Combination (4-drug) standard therapy
  - Uninterrupted 6-month treatment under directly observed therapy
- Case notification and cure rates under program conditions below targets
  - > 66% (5.7 million) case notification rate
  - > 87% treatment success rate

# **Drug-resistant Tuberculosis**

- Development of resistance can occur spontaneously in large replicating bacterial populations (once in 10<sup>6</sup>–10<sup>8</sup> bacteria)
- Drug resistance largely caused by nonstandard treatment regimen or incomplete adherence to treatment
- Spread of drug-resistant strains through person to person transmission



# Global Burden of Drug-resistant TB



# **Global Emergence of XDR TB**



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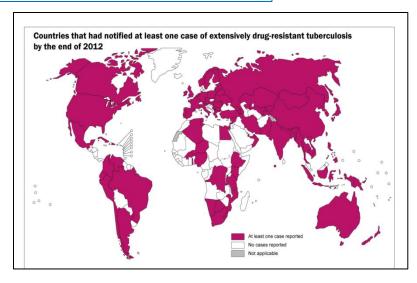
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World TB Day — March 24, 2006

World TB Day is March 24. This annual event commemorates the date in 1882 when Robert Koch

Emergence of Mycobacterium tuberculosis with Extensive Resistance to Second-Line Drugs — Worldwide, 2000–2004



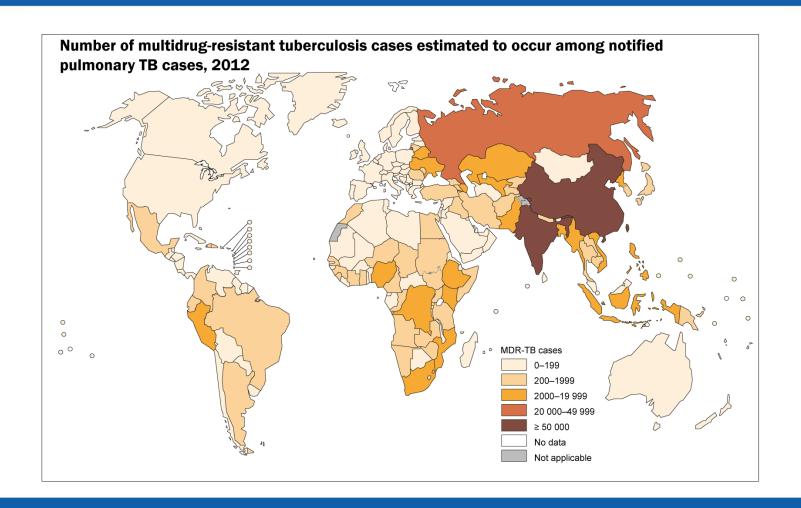


# **Growing Threat of Antimicrobial Resistance**



- Drug-resistant TB a serious threat in United States and globally
- ☐ Among 10,528 U.S. TB cases in 2011, 9.9% had drug resistance
  - > 124 cases of MDR TB = 1.2% of TB cases
  - ▶ 6 cases of XDR TB = 4.8% of MDR TB cases

# Highest Burden of Global MDR TB in India, Russia and China



# Diagnostic Challenges for Drug-resistant TB

# Drug-resistant TB cannot be diagnosed by smear microscopy

- Diagnosis requires culture and drug-susceptibility testing or molecular testing
- Key barriers
  - Inadequate laboratory infrastructure, investment, and capacity
  - Limited patient access to adequate testing facilities
    - <5% of TB patients have access to diagnosis of drug resistance</p>
  - Policies that limit who can be tested, and when
    - Due to resource limitations

# **Underdiagnosis of Drug-resistant TB**

- 20% of total estimated MDR TB cases detected in 2012
  - Case detection even lower in India (6%) and China (3%)
  - Limited data on children; case detection lower than for adults
- Only 5% of new cases and 9% of previously treated cases are tested for drug resistance
  - Testing capability for XDR TB even more limited
- In 2009, World Health Assembly called for universal access to TB culture and drug-susceptibility testing
  - Achieving this goal will require massive laboratory and health system strengthening
  - CDC is involved in global initiatives to address this critical need

# **Treatment Challenges in Drug-resistant TB**

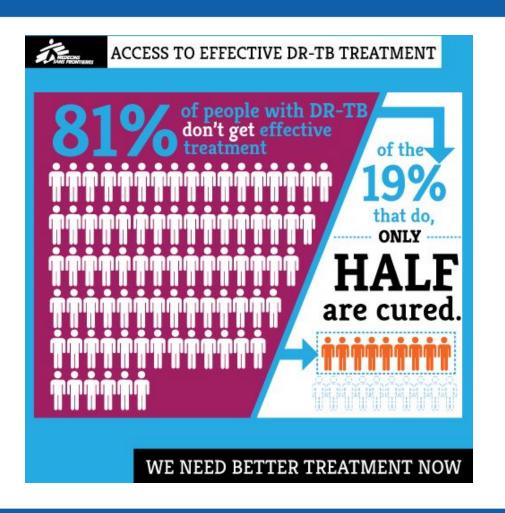
### Compared to drugsusceptible TB, treatment of MDR TB is

- Less effective
- More toxic
  - 90% experience side effects, some severe (e.g., hearing loss, neuropathy, or psychosis)
- Lengthier
  - Up to 2 years vs. 6 months
- More costly
  - > 10–100 times more costly (\$2500 and up)



Source: Médecins San Frontières

# **Treatment Challenges in Drug-resistant TB**



### Among the minority of those who are treated:

- Low cure rates (48%-54%)
- Low treatment completion rates due to:
  - Loss to follow-up (14%-23%)
  - Death (15%)
  - Treatment failure (8%-9%)

# **Summary**

- Drug-resistant TB (MDR and XDR TB) causes extensive morbidity and mortality globally
- CDC considers drug-resistant TB to be a serious health threat
- Major challenges with diagnosis and treatment
- High-burden countries including India, China, and Russia face substantial economic, logistic, and policy barriers to improving diagnosis and treatment
- New diagnostics and new drugs offer promise

# Rapid Diagnosis of MDR TB: A Laboratory Systems-based Approach



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# Lack of Laboratory Services is a Barrier to the Control of TB and Drug-resistant TB

- Only ~53% of new cases and 63% of new smear-positive cases are detected
- □ In high HIV prevalence settings, AFB smear-based testing is less sensitive
- Only 19% of estimated MDR TB cases laboratory confirmed
- Many XDR TB cases are not detected due to the lack of second-line DST
- Molecular diagnostics may help solve the challenge

#### **WHO-Endorsed Molecular Tests for TB**

- Molecular Line Probe Assay (LPA)
  - Regional or national-level laboratory
  - Smear-positive sputum or MTB cultures



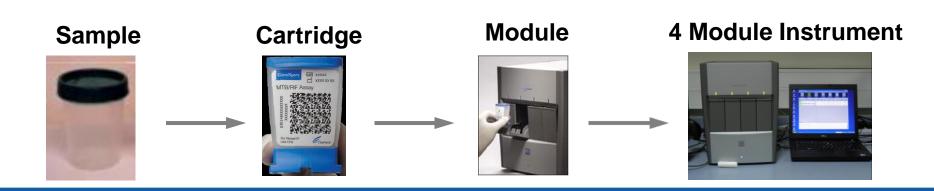
- Cepheid Xpert® MTB/RIF test
  - Sub-district or district hospital level laboratory
  - Smear-positive or negative pulmonary and extrapulmonary specimens from adults and children



# **Xpert® MTB/RIF Improves TB Testing**

### A Single Xpert® MTB/RIF Test

- Is about as sensitive and specific as one culture on solid media
- Can increase TB case detection by 40% over direct smear microscopy alone
- Takes only 2 hours to complete, compared to weeks for culture
- Uses simple sputum processing steps
- Detects presence of MTB and rifampicin resistance simultaneously
- Does not require sophisticated BSL-3 facilities or specialized expertise



# Performance of Xpert® MTB/RIF for Rifampicin Resistance and MDR TB

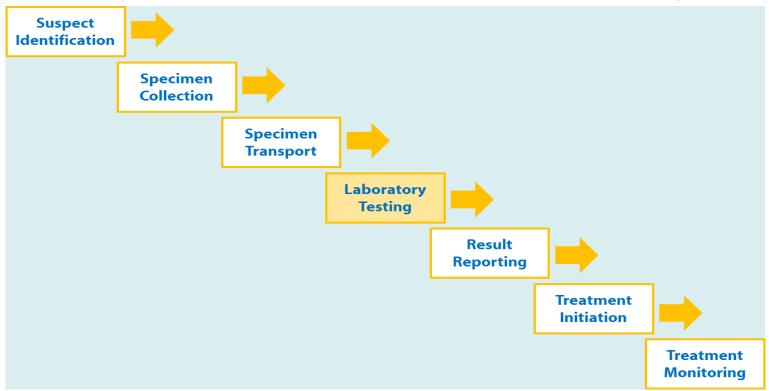
- □ Rifampicin resistance (RIF-R) is a marker for MDR TB
  - >85% of RIF-R strains are MDR strains in most countries
  - WHO recommended treatment of RIF-R TB is similar to MDR TB
- Strong recommendation by WHO to use Xpert® MTB/RIF as the initial diagnostic test in individuals suspected of having MDRTB
  - Excellent sensitivity (95%) and specificity (98%) for detecting rifampicin resistance
  - Implementing Xpert \* MTB/RIF will cost less than conventional culture and DST to meet diagnostic targets for MDRTB

# Lessons from Early Implementers of Xpert® MTB/RIF Testing

- Clinical and public health impact varies with the epidemiologic setting, target population, laboratory testing algorithm, and treatment algorithms
  - Can increase detection of bacteriologically confirmed and rifampicinresistant cases, as well as decrease time to diagnosis in resource-limited settings
  - Has less impact in settings where clinicians initiate TB treatment in the absence of bacteriological confirmation
- Private sector must be engaged
- Diagnostic and treatment capacity need to be matched

# Realizing the Potential of Xpert® MTB/RIF to Treat More People with MDR TB More Quickly

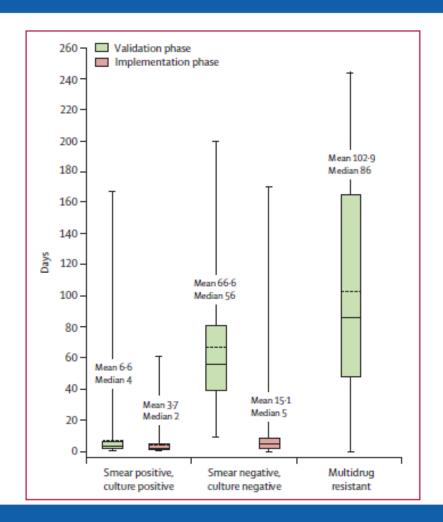
- A systems approach is needed to strengthen all steps in the process
- Testing must be linked to drug access and program capacity



# Impact of Xpert® MTB/RIF Testing on Time To Treatment

# **Xpert® MTB/RIF may reduce the median time to treatment**

- □ For culture-diagnosed cases, from 56 days to 5 days
- □ For MDR TB, from 86 days to 5 days



# Scale-up of PMDT in Parallel with Xpert® MTB/RIF Scale-up

- Laboratory capacity
  - Conventional culture and DST
  - Other molecular methods (e.g., line-probe assays)
  - Specimen referral and reporting of results
- Treatment capacity
  - Hospital based and ambulatory care
  - Patient support and palliative care
  - Infection control
- Second-line drug management
  - Forecasting and ordering

# **Summary**

- Lack of laboratory services is a crucial barrier to an effective response to TB and MDR TB
- Molecular diagnostics may revolutionize TB lab services
- Xpert® MTB/RIF should be used as the initial diagnostic test in individuals suspected of having MDR TB
- Xpert® MTB/RIF should increase detection of TB and MDR TB cases and shorten the time to begin treatment
- Need to scale-up PMDT program in parallel with increased use of Xpert® MTB/RIF, so that the anticipated increased number of cases can be treated more effectively

## Rational Use of New Drugs for Treatment of MDR TB: Context and Challenges



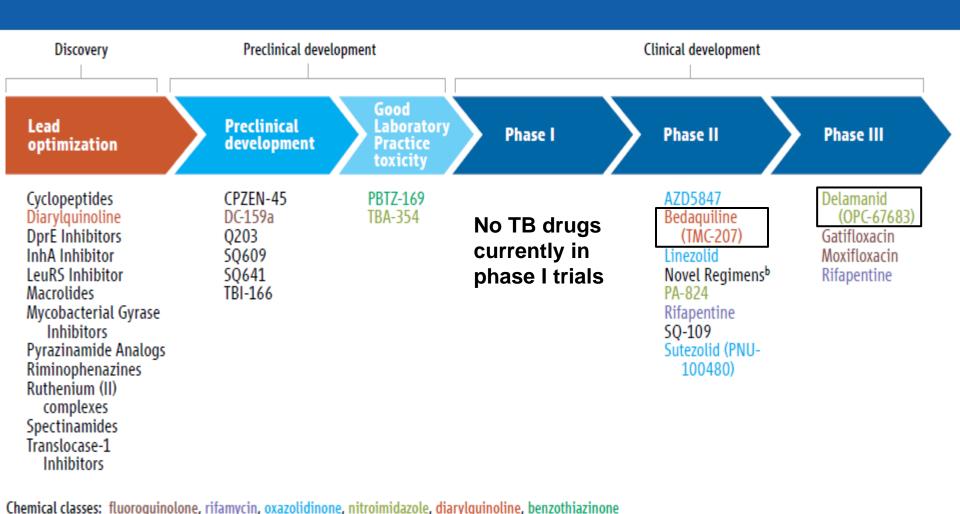
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### **Global TB Drug Pipeline**



#### **New Drugs: Bedaquiline (BDQ)**

- Novel target: ATP synthase inhibitor
- Chemical class: diarlyquinoline
  - First new TB drug class in over a generation
- Phase IIb data: placebo-controlled trial of BDQ in combination with background MDR TB therapy (BT)
  - Primary endpoint: time to sputum culture conversion and proportion with sputum culture conversion at 6 months
  - Showed greater efficacy of BT with BDQ, than BT with placebo
- □ Approved by FDA (accelerated procedure) in December 2012 "as part of combination therapy to treat adults with multi-drug resistant TB when other alternatives are not available"

Bedaquiline

### Interim Guidance by WHO for Use of Bedaquiline

- ☐ June 2013 BDQ recommended for use in MDR TB treatment under five strict conditions:
  - Treatment under close monitoring
  - Proper patient selection
  - Patient informed consent required
  - Treatment design based on WHO recommendations
  - Active pharmacovigilance (drug safety monitoring)

### **New Drugs: Delamanid (DLM)**

- Chemical class: nitroimidazole
- Phase IIb data: placebo-controlled trial of Delamanid in combination with optimized background therapy (OBT)
  - > 2 test arms:
- (i) Delamanid (100mg bid) + OBT
- (ii) Delamanid (200mg bid) + OBT
- Primary endpoint: 2-month sputum culture conversion
- Showed greater efficacy of OBT with DLM, than OBT with placebo
- Phase III trial launched in September 2011

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Delamanid

#### **Delamanid: Regulatory Status**

- Approved in December 2013 by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) "as part of an appropriate combination regimen for pulmonary multi-drug resistant tuberculosis in adult patients when an effective treatment regimen cannot otherwise be composed for reasons of resistance or tolerability."
- Not yet approved by FDA
- ☐ Planned review by WHO in April 2014

## Public Health Challenges of Introduction of New TB Drugs in Countries

- Determine optimal regimens for use of newly developed or re-purposed drugs for treatment of drug-susceptible and DR TB under programmatic conditions
- Evaluate patient eligibility requirements
- Assess programmatic feasibility
- Evaluate cost-effectiveness

## Public Health Challenges of Introduction of New TB Drugs in Countries

- Ensure proper surveillance and pharmacovigilance
  - Especially in case of accelerated approval
  - Safety monitoring, especially for Bedaquiline
- Ensure responsible use
  - Appropriate indication, doses, drug combinations, and treatment duration
  - Prevent unwarranted off-label use and emergence of resistance
- Encourage equitable access

## Other New Treatment Regimens Involving Previously Approved Drugs

#### Short course regimen for treatment of MDR TB

- Treatment series in Bangladesh with various combinations and durations of treatment
- Best outcome with 9 months duration regimen
  - Minimum 4 months of 7 drug combination (KmCfzGfxEHZPto) prolonged if necessary until culture negative
  - Followed by 5 months of 4 drug combination (GfxEZCfz)

Km=kanamycin

Cfz=clofazimine

Gfx=gatifloxacin

E=ethambutol

H=high-dose isoniazid

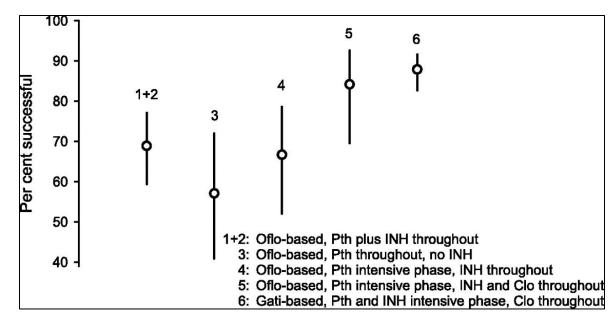
*Z*=*pyrazinamide* 

*Pto=prothionamide* 

### **Bangladesh Study: Patient Outcome Data**

### Outcome (regimen 6):

- Cure 82.5%
- Completion 5.3%
- Death 5.3%
- Default 5.8%
- Failure 0.5%
- Relapse 0.5%



Proportion of patients with a successful outcome in the treatment of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis

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(Clo = clofazimine; Gati = gatifloxacin; INH = isoniazid; Oflo = ofloxacin; Pth = prothionamide)
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### Treatment Options for XDR TB Remain Limited

- Lack of evidence for the best drug regimens for treating patients with XDR TB
- Recent review of treatment outcomes did not find any associations between specific drugs or treatment regimens and successful outcomes
  - ➤ However, success highest if at least 6 drugs used in intensive phase and 4 in continuation phase
- Successful treatment is possible, but requires
  - Early and accurate diagnosis of resistance to second-line drugs
  - Availability of multiple classes of second-line drugs
  - Access to clinicians who have special expertise in treating such cases

## Pediatric Formulations of Current Drugs and Trials of New Drugs are Urgently Needed

- ☐ Few estimates on burden of disease in children
  - > Estimated to be 6%-10% of adult burden
  - Does not include children exposed to DR TB
- Current diagnostics limited; Xpert® shown to be useful
- Limited pharmacokinetic data, few child-friendly formulations
- TB treatment programs often separate from child health programs
- Lack of capacity and expertise among providers
- Limited funding
- Small proportion of children actually treated, although those treated have excellent outcomes
  - Among 315 patients, 81% success rate

### Preventive Therapy for Contacts of MDR and XDR TB Cases

- Robust evidence to support the efficacy of INH preventive therapy (PT) to reduce the risk of disease progression in child and adult contacts of drug-susceptible TB
  - 11 randomized controlled trials (RCT) involving over 73,000 persons
- No RCT comparing preventive regimens for contacts of MDR TB
- Pediatric cohort of MDR TB contacts in Cape Town, South Africa
  - Treated with INH + ethambutol + ofloxacin
  - Among 168 children treated, regimen well-tolerated and only 3.2% developed active TB

### Preventive Therapy for Contacts of MDR and XDR TB Cases

- Outbreak investigation in Chuuk, Micronesia
  - > 5 MDR TB cases and 119 infected adult and child contacts
  - All contacts offered preventive therapy (PT) for 12 months (FQ alone or with another agent)
  - None of the 104 contacts who received PT developed TB, but 3 of 15 untreated contacts progressed to disease
- RCT study "TB-CHAMP" in late stages of development to assess preventive therapy with INH or levofloxacin in children exposed to drug-resistant TB in South Africa

#### **Conclusions**

- Two newly approved medications for the treatment of MDR TB are Bedaquiline (FDA approved) and Delamanid (EMA approved)
- Multiple scientific and program challenges remain as these drugs are used more widely
  - Need for data collection under "real world" conditions
- New combinations of existing and repurposed medicines show potential for treatment shortening of MDR TB
- Areas requiring additional investigation include XDR TB treatment, pediatric regimens to treat MDR TB, and preventive therapy for contacts of both MDR and XDR TB cases

## Drug Resistance in TB: What Public Health Can Do Now and in the Future



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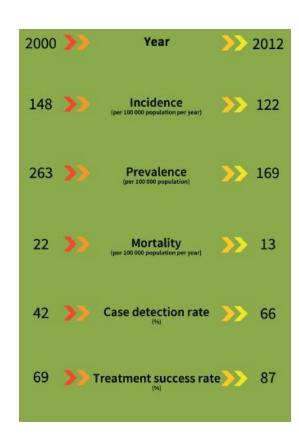


# How Did We Get Here? A Brief History of Drug-susceptible TB

- 19<sup>th</sup> century: Microscopy, culture, tuberculin skin testing, radiology
- ☐ 20<sup>th</sup> century: Stepwise improvements in these diagnostics
- 1940s-1960s: Effective, safe TB drugs discovered, multidrug therapy established by extensive clinical trials
- 1970s-1980s: Systematic 5-part TB control strategy based on diagnosis by microscopy and standard short-course treatment elaborated
- 1990s to date: Systematic 5-part TB control strategy implemented and expanded worldwide

### Global Progress in TB Care and Control, 2000-2012

Global incidence decreased 15%



Global mortality decreased 40%

## Progress Toward 2015 Millennium Development Goals Related to TB as of 2012

Indicator	Target	Global Status
Incidence	Falling incidence rate	Target met
Prevalence	50% decrease compared with 1990	Not on track to meet target
Mortality	50% decrease compared with 1990	On track to meet target
Case Detection	70% of estimated number of cases	66%
Treatment Success	85% among new sputum smear-positive cases	87%

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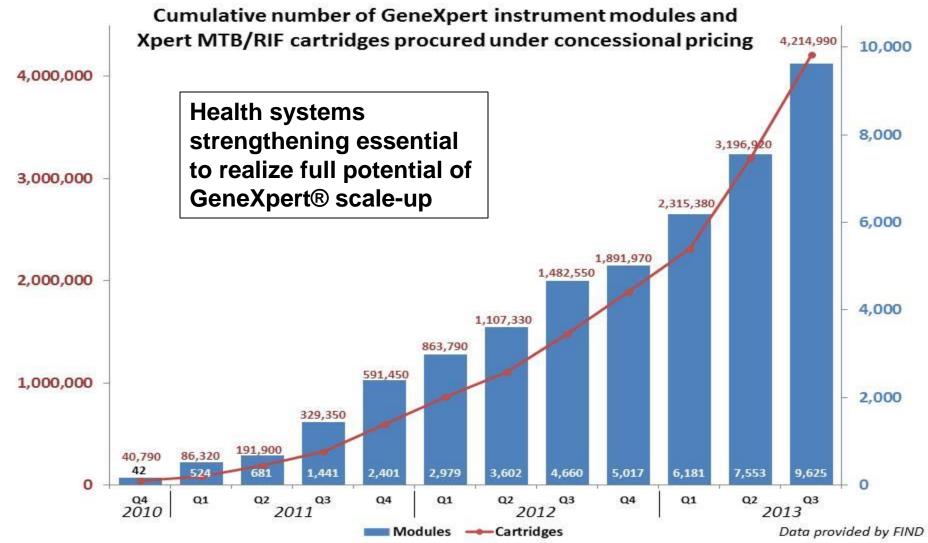
- ☐ 1947: Emergence of drug-resistant TB documented
- 1955: First nationwide survey documented widespread drug resistance in the United Kingdom
- 1980s-1990s: Worldwide outbreaks of MDR TB
- 1990s-present: WHO and IUATLD Global Project on anti-TB Drug Resistance Surveillance
- 1990s-2000s: Pilot testing services for DR TB in middle- and lowincome countries

# Global Scale-up of Services for Drug-resistant TB

- □ 2009: World Health Assembly resolution declaring that <u>all</u> TB cases should be appropriately diagnosed and treated
- Unprecedented pace of scale-up; among 450,000 incident cases of MDR TB worldwide:
  - > 2009: ~5% of MDR TB cases detected and treated worldwide
  - > 2013: ~20% of MDR TB cases detected and treated worldwide
- Shortfalls in progress toward 2015 Goals for case detection and treatment success
  - Case detection target 100%, current status 20%
  - Treatment success target 75%, current status 48%

# Rapid Scale-up of Services for Drug-resistant TB

- Unprecedented leadership and political commitment
  - World Health Assembly, World Health Organization
  - Public and private sectors worldwide
- Unprecedented economic support
  - ➤ The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria (Global Fund); UNITAID; PEPFAR; BMGF; USAID
- New technology
  - Gene Xpert® and other rapid molecular methods
  - Rapid expansion and implementation worldwide
- Better treatment
  - Global Drug Facility: quality-assured anti-TB drugs at reduced prices
  - New drugs (Bedaquiline, Delamanid) and drugs with new indications (e.g., linezolid)



As of 30 September 2013, a total of 1,843 GeneXpert instruments (comprising 9,625 modules) and 4,214,990 Xpert MTB/RIF cartridges had been procured in the public sector in 95 of the 145 countries eligible for concessional pricing.

### Prevention and Control of Drug-resistant TB

#### Primary Prevention

- Strengthen basic TB control services to detect and cure all drug-susceptible TB cases
  - Don't create new cases of DR TB
- Detect and treat existing drug-resistant TB cases
  - Prevent transmission to others
- Infection control
  - Prevent transmission

#### Secondary Prevention

- Detect and treat contacts of DR TB cases
  - Prevent progression from LTBI to active disease

# Obstacles to Detect and Treat Existing Cases of MDR TB

#### Case Detection and Diagnosis

- Need to strengthen laboratories to provide classic culture and susceptibility testing
- Rapid molecular methods not yet widely available

#### Effective treatment

- Limited quality assured second-line drug supply
- Paucity of evidence from clinical trials
- Need for data on use of new drugs

### Rates of Baseline and Acquired XDR TB

Total number	Baseline isolate	Baseline isolate simple MDR TB	Acquired
baseline MDR	XDR		XDR TB
TB isolates	n (%)		n (%)
832	66 (7.9%)	766	68 (8.9%)

Green Light Committee*	Acquired XDR TB, %	Risk Ratio (95% CI) unadjusted	p-value
<b>GLC-approved</b>	3.7	0.27 (0.16, 0.47)	< 0.001
Non-GLC	15.6	Referent	

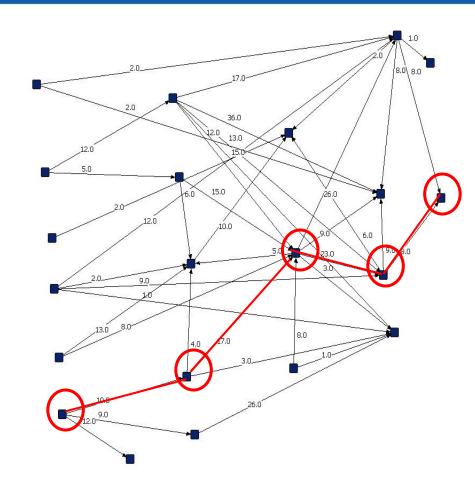
<sup>\*</sup>The GLC serves as a technical advisory body to the Stop TB Partnership and the World Health Organization

# Importance of Infection Control: Estimating Global Role of Transmission

- WHO: 74% of MDR TB cases globally arise from transmission rather than acquired resistance
- China: 78% of MDR TB due to transmission
- Meta-analysis of 31 cohorts: 90% of XDR TB cases with no history of MDR TB treatment
  - Initially infected with XDR TB strains

### Transmission of XDR TB, 2005-2009, Tugela Ferry, South Africa

- Largest XDR TB cluster reported worldwide
- Total of 516 cases culture confirmed
- Genotyping revealed that >85% of cases had single predominant genetic fingerprint
- Epidemiologic investigation and social network analysis demonstrated up to 5 generations of transmission in hospital



Red line = single chain of transmission

### **CDC / USAID Partnership**

- ☐ Technical assistance for MDR TB scale-up in countries with underperforming Global Fund grants
  - Phase 1 (starting 2013): six countries (Philippines, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Mozambique, Uganda, Nigeria)
  - Phase 2 (starting 2014): eight more countries (India, Kenya, Haiti, Lesotho, Swaziland, Botswana, Tanzania, Zambia)
- "New model" of technical assistance long term strengthening of local human resources instead of "fly-in, fly-out" short term assistance

#### **Additional CDC Contributions**

#### ■ Antimicrobial Resistance Initiative

- CDC report: Antimicrobial Resistance Threats
  - White House and Congressional Support
- WHO and IUATLD reports: Global Anti-TB Drug Resistance Surveys

#### Global Health Security Agenda

- MDR TB and XDR TB
- Prevent Detect Respond model applies to TB, both as endemic disease and in outbreak settings
- Example of Uganda, 2013
  - Enhanced communications
  - Enhanced laboratory capacity and specimen referral systems
  - Improved outbreak response capacity



## Looking Past the Millennium Development Goals: Three Pillars of the Post-2015 Strategy

- Integrated, patient-centered TB care and prevention
- Bold policies and supportive systems
  - Example: global recommendation for using Xpert® MTB/RIF as a primary diagnostic test for RIF-resistance simultaneous with the diagnosis of TB itself, leading to numerous initiatives for rapid worldwide scale-up
- Intensified research and innovation

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