



- ▷ Mycobacterium TB
- ▷ Non-TB mycobacterium (NTM)

## MYCOBACTERIAL INFECTIONS

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## MYCOBACTERIOLOGY

- Non-motile, nonspore – forming

- Acid Fast positive  
\* (Ziehl-Neelsen stain)



## MYCOBACTERIOLOGY

- o Obligate aerobes
- o Cell wall: 20 to 60 percent lipids
- o generation time of 12 to 48 hours (except rapid growers)

\* slow grower → culture ليكي ال بطول  
تفضل العينة بالمختبر شهر زمان (عادة بعدها شويين او ٣  
ليبين اشئ)

## EPIDEMIOLOGY OF TUBERCULOSIS IN THE WORLD

- o 10 million cases per year
- o 2-3 million deaths per year
- o 600,000 cases dual TB/HIV
- o 2 billion infected individuals (latent infx)
- o \$30 - \$50 billion per year direct impact

عنا باأوردن عنا latent TB كيت

Management :

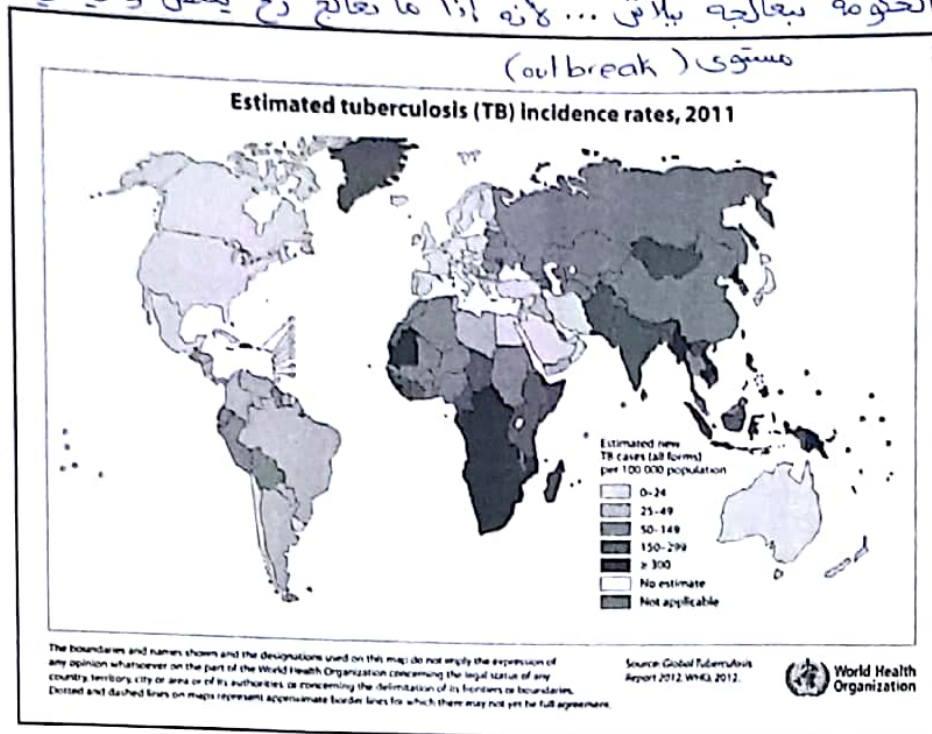
We give Isoniazid

بسي صعب نعطيه  
دع سكان الأردن  
٢ فريون باأوردن ما  
يعطوا اشئ

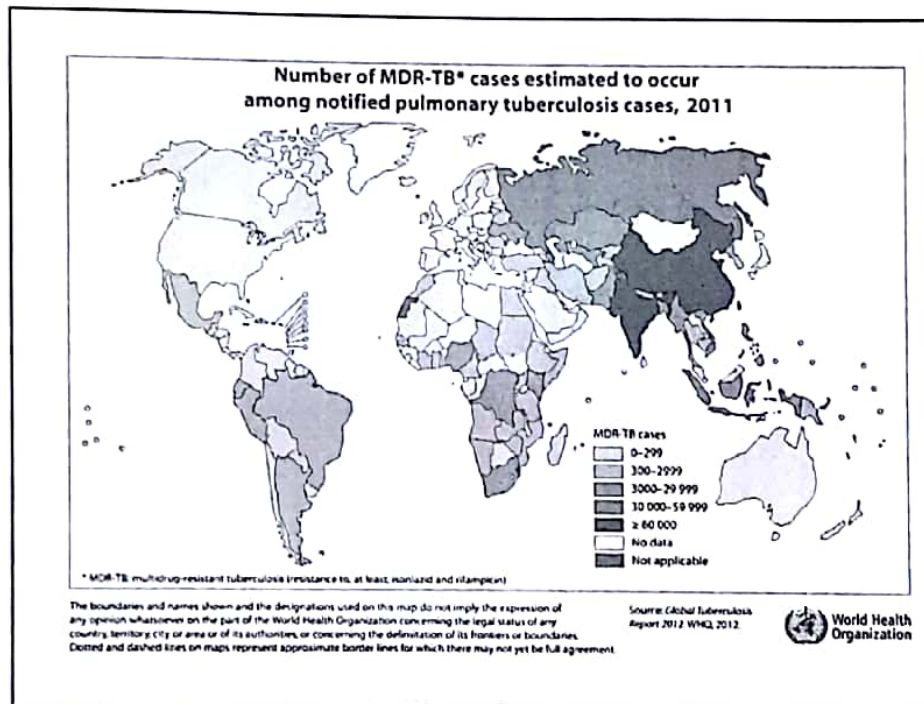
← latent TB infx (LTBI)

→ +ve PPD (skin test) → +ve الفحص عندهم الفحص  
but CR is normal and there is no symptoms  
بشكل عام هاي ما بتعمل مشاكل ... ببي إذا صار الواحد  
active TB infx ← ممكن يتحول ال latent  
immuno-compromised

\* ال TB بشكل عام مرض صعب ذي السوطان بنهش نهش ، بسوي invasion و necrosis ، بنشتر بسوعة ، و علاجه صعب 6-9 أشهر و كذا دوا (بنتقل بسهولة) عشان هيك الحكومة بتعالجه بياش ... لانه اذا ما تعالج رح ينتقل و يعاللي مشكلة على



\* دول العالم الثالث فيرا كين TB



## RISK FACTORS FOR TUBERCULOSIS

Increased risk of acquiring or having infection

- Foreign born from high prevalence country
- Some healthcare workers
- Family history of TB (2-3 generations)
- Intravenous drug or crack cocaine user
- Contact with HIV- infected individuals
- Contact with inmates of prison or jail (past or present)
- Some nursing homes, residential living\\

Immuno-  
compromised

Latent TB can turn into an active TB infx

- if the pt becomes immuno-compromised (ex. extremes of age)

- the first 2-3 years of the latent infx

يعني واحد جدي صار عندو latent infx ، باول سنتين أو ٣ تكون احتمالية  
انه يتحول ل active disease ... بعد هيك خلص غالب ما يتحول ، الا اذا صار

immuno-compromised أو اشي زي هيك

## RISK FACTORS FOR TUBERCULOSIS

Increased risk of developing disease after infection

- Extremes of ages: infants, elderly
- Recent (<3 years) infection
- HIV infected
- Immune suppression - drugs or disease
- Certain diseases: silicosis, diabetes mellitus



## TRANSITIONS INTUBERCULOSIS

- Susceptible → مثلاً واحد عمره ما يقرب من TB بغيانه
- Exposed → مثلاً واحد سبقه TB وكنت وعده
- Infected → عملنا فحص طلع PPD +ve و CxR -ve (latent)
- Diseased → صار عنده signs + symptoms و مرض
- Sick
- Diagnosed
- Treated
- Cured

## STAGES OF TUBERCULOSIS

### Exposure

- Defined by contact investigation - recent (< 3 months) contact with an infectious case
- Negative ST, physical exam and chest radiographs
- Period during which the skin test may be negative in an infected person
- Children < 5 years old should be treated (usually INH) because they may develop disease rapidly
- Older children and adults often not treated, but repeat skin test 3 months after exposure over

عنه ال skin test يتحول +ve بعد 3 أشهر من ال exposure

## STAGES OF TUBERCULOSIS

### Infection

- o Hallmark is a "positive" skin test
- o "Germs in the body"
- o Chest radiograph is normal
- o No symptoms, physical exam is normal

## SKIN-TESTING, INFECTION AND DISEASE

- o Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) takes 3 weeks to 3 months to turn positive after infection has occurred

### Risk of disease after untreated infection:

- o Normal adults: 5-10 percent in lifetime (half of risk in first 2-3 years)
- o HIV-Infected adults: 5-10 percent per year
- o Infants: 40 percent in 1-2 years
- o Older children: 5-10 percent (delayed)

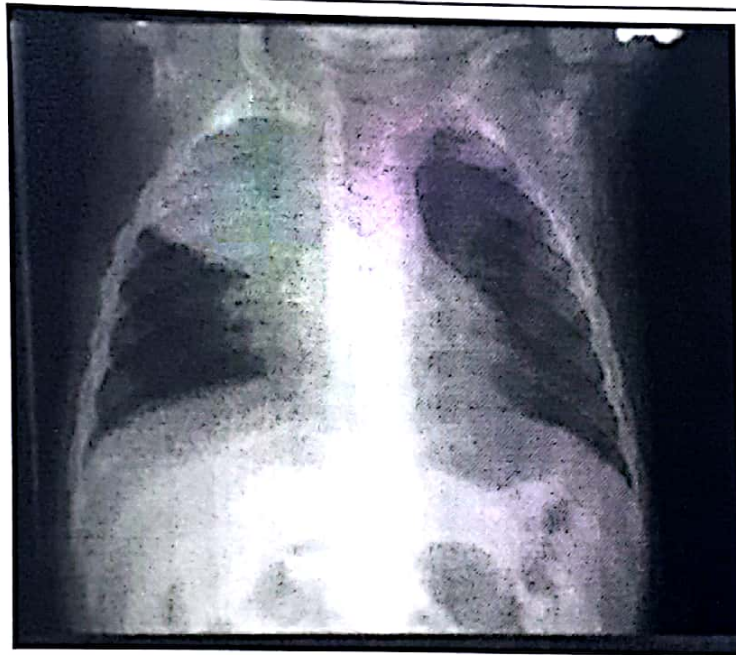
\* In general the likelihood of conversion of a latent TB infx to an active disease is rare

عشان ميك مطعوم ال TB (BCG)  
هو اول مطعوم بوضو الطفل  
على عمر الشهر

## STAGES OF TUBERCULOSIS

### o Disease

- o Clinical and/or radiographic manifestations of progressive tuberculosis infection
- o Primary: complication of initial infection
- o Reactivation: disease occurs after period of dormancy of the infection
- o TST is negative in 10 % of disease cases (50 % of meningeal or miliary disease)



## TIMETABLE OF PEDIATRIC TUBERCULOSIS

- o Miliary and meningeal develop rapidly (1-12 months)
- o Lymph node (cervical) 2-12 months
- o Pleural effusion 3-9 months
- o Skeletal 6 months - 2 years
- o Renal 1-5 years

\* ال TB ممكن يروح أي مكان (ممكن بيس Pulmonary)

## ARE CHILDREN WITH TUBERCULOSIS EVER CONTAGIOUS?

\* عادة الكبار بعروا الصغار من العكس

- o The quick answer is : NO. → cough mech and sputum production (ممكن قويه)
- o Orphanages – caretaker with TB led to transmission; a child with TB did not
- o Schools – only 2 reported "epidemics" caused by children <13 years old
- o Children's Hospitals – rare case reports of transmission, all with special circumstances, none has been patient -to - patient

\* TB disease transmission → Air born

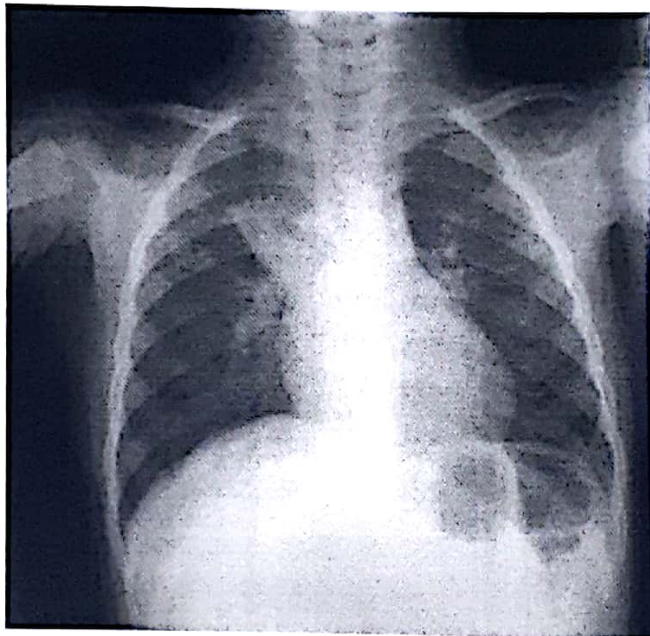


## **FEATURES OF CONTAGIOUS PEDIATRIC TUBERCULOSIS**

- **Pulmonary:**
  - Cavitory lung lesion
  - Sputum production
  - Positive acid-fast stain of sputum smear
  - Bronchoscopy
- Draining lesions or surgical drainage of an abscess
- This means Bone or Renal TB is not contagious as long as they not open.

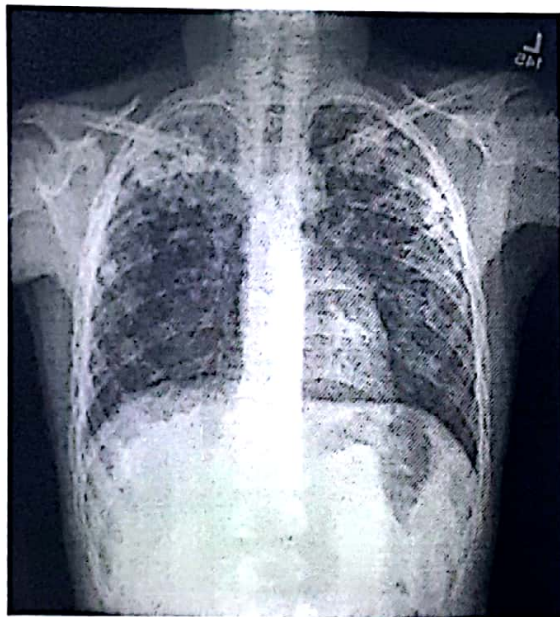
## **CLINICAL AND RADIOGRAPHIC MANIFESTATIONS OF CHILDHOOD PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS**

- The CXR is way worse than how the pt. looks.
- Infants more symptomatic: fever, cough, focal wheezing, respiratory distress
- Predominance of hilar and/or mediastinal adenopathy
- Any lobe of lung involved; 25% multilobar
- Local pleural reaction/effusion is common
- Collapse-consolidation or segmental pattern most common
- Obstructive signs/symptoms with endobronchial lesions
- Not contagious



## REACTIVATION TUBERCULOSIS IN PEDIATRICS

- Adolescents primarily, but can occur in younger children
- Same as adult disease: cavity or upper lobe infiltrates; cough, fever, weight loss, hemoptysis
- Sputum or gastric aspirates to isolate organism; bronchoscopy occasionally necessary



## LYMPHADENITIS CAUSED BY MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS

- o Most often unilateral; may be bilateral
- o Chest x-ray usually normal
- o Usually indolent onset of enlarged, fixed, matted nodes in anterior chains, submandibular
- o Sub mental, occipital, axillary, supraclavicular nodes less common
- o Absence of systemic findings; minimal tenderness
- o Often progress and "break down" - suppuration, sinus tracts
- o Major differential dx: Non-Tuberculosis  
Mycobacterium (NTM), Bartonella, malignancy



Biopsy later led to TB diagnosis

Hodgkins lymphoma ruled out





### TUBERCULOUS AND NONTUBERCULOUS MYCOBACTERIAL LYMPHADENITIS

	<u>NTM</u>	<u>TB</u>
• Age (years)	1-5	any
• Residence	rural	suburban urban
• Risk factors for TB	no	yes
• TST on family	negative	often positive
• Chest x-ray	usually neg.	positive in 10-20%
• TST (mm) 0-15	usual >10;	many >15
• Response to anti-TB drugs: no		yes but slow

### **CERVICAL LYMPHADENITIS DUE TO NONTUBERCULOUS MYCOBACTERIA**

- paucity of systemic signs and symptoms
- anterior cervical chain and submandibular most common
- also preauricular, postauricular, submental
- firm, non-tender, fixed to underlying structures or skin
- Usually multiple nodes: "tip of the iceberg"
- *Mycobacterium Avium* Complex (MAC) > *M. kansasii* > *M. fortuitum* >
- others

### **SURGICAL APPROACH TO MYCOBACTERIAL ADENITIS**

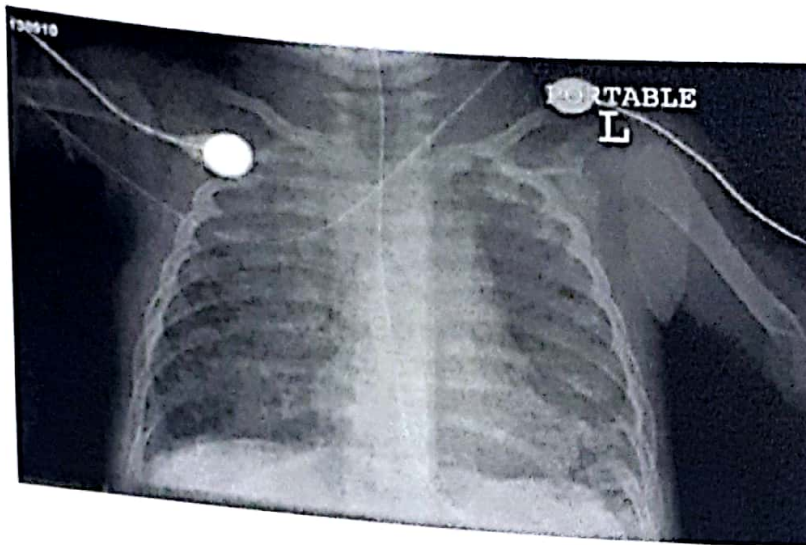
- Fine needle aspirate can define histology, less helpful for culture (low volume of tissue)
- Surgical excision both diagnostic and curative of NTM (if complete)
- NEVER do an incision and drainage.
- Antibiotics may be effective to prevent or treat recurrence clarithromycin + rifamycin + ethambutol

## TUBERCULOUS MENINGITIS IN CHILDREN

- o Most common in infants, young children
- o Occurs soon after infection; source case often not yet identified (negative family history)
- o Pathogenesis: basilar infiltrate, hydrocephalus, vasculitis,
- o Infarct, tuberculoma

## DISSEMINATED (MILIARY) TUBERCULOSIS IN CHILDHOOD

- o most common in infants, recent after infection
- o FUO common
- o usually insidious but may be explosive
- o chest radiograph usually normal early, then classic
- o other common features: hepatosplenomegaly, lymphadenopathy, cutaneous lesions, choroid tubercles
- o TST negative in up to 50% of cases
- o Dx: gastric aspirate, bronchoscopy, lung biopsy, liver biopsy, bone marrow, urine culture

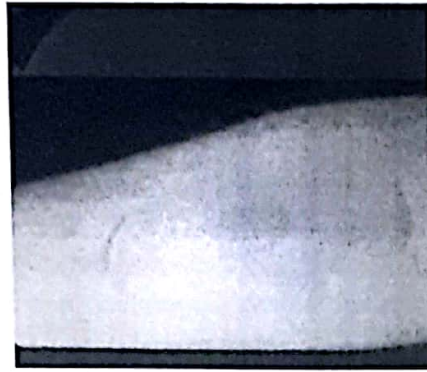


### TST | Tuberculin Skin Test (Or PPD)





✧ Measure Induration not redness



Dx of TB:

- ① Good Hx and PE
- ② Take a sample → خذ عينة من المكان المشبه فيه (ex. pleural effusion or LN)
- ③ We do an acid fast stain / acid fast culture / PCR / PPD

## INDURATION SIZE – POSITIVE TUBERCULIN SKIN TEST (TST)

- > 5 mm
  - HIV co-infection
  - Immune compromise
  - Recent contact to TB
  - Suspected disease
- > 10 mm
  - \* ◦ Foreign-born from a HR country (applicable to Jordan)
    - Drug users
    - Living in HR congregate setting
    - Children < 4 yrs old
- > 15 mm
  - No risk factors

≡ PPD (Purified protein derivative)

\* Intradermal injx

منشوف ال induration بعد يومين أو ٣

## Does BCG VACCINES has an effect on positive TUBERCULIN SKIN TEST ?

- o The quick answer: no or very limited effect.
- o 50% of vaccinated infants do not react to a TST; most of the rest stop reacting within 5 years
- o most non-infants who get one or more BCG vaccinations will react to a TST (usually < 15 mm), but effect wanes over 5 - 10 years
- o outside infancy, "positive" TST more likely to indicate infection with *M. tuberculosis* than be residual from BCG
- The organism used in the vaccine is *Mycobacterium Bovis*

## INTERFERON TESTS (IGRA)

- أدق من ال PPD
- o Identifies Latent TB Infection (LTBI) &/or disease
  - o Does not cross react with BCG vaccine or most other mycobacteria
  - o Requires:
    - o single medical visit
    - o blood collection
    - o laboratory equipment and personnel
  - o Results in 24-48 hrs
  - o Alternative test for TST (PPD)

ما يتأثر بال  
vaccine

يبي ما يميز بين  
ال active و latent  
(يطلع + باليتين)

### Comparison of Tuberculin Skin Test and Interferon- gamma Release Assays

	<u>TST</u>	<u>IGRA</u>
o Patient visits required	Two	One
o Distinguish between TB Infection and TB disease	No	No
o Specificity in adults	70-95%	90-100%
o Sensitivity in adults	75-90%	75-95%
o Cross-reactivity with NTM	Yes	Less Likely
o Cross-reactivity with BCG	Yes	Unlikely
o Antigens studied Many	-PPD	ESAT-6, CFP-10, TB7.7

### INTERFERON-GAMMA RELEASE ASSAYS (IGRA) Vs TST

1. No preference for one test over the other
2. Should replace the TST except for immune compromised, children < 5 years
3. Can be used in contact investigations (just like TST)

## DIAGNOSIS OF TUBERCULOSIS IN CHILDREN

- Clinical/epidemiology : gold standard
- Acid-Fast Bacilli Stain (AFB) stains positive in < 10% of cases
- AFB culture 3 early a.m. gastric aspirates is best:
  - all children : sensitive 20% to 40% of cases
  - infants : up to 75% of cases
  - CSF, pleural fluid, other : average 25% of cases
- PCR:
  - compared with clinical:
    - sensitivity is 40% to 60%
    - specificity is 80% to 90%

## EVALUATION OF A CHILD WITH SUSPECTED TUBERCULOSIS DISEASE

- Evaluate family members, other contacts
- Tuberculin skin test
- Appropriate radiographs
- Sputum (if available) for AFB stain, culture
- 3 early a.m. gastric aspirates (pulmonary)
- Lumbar Puncture (LP) if < 1 year old
- Bronchoscopy - if anatomy needs to be defined or diagnosis is in doubt
- Report suspicion of disease to Ministry of Health.



## TREATMENT OF LTBI (Latent TB Infection) IN CHILDREN

- o 9 months of isoniazid (daily or twice weekly under DOT) is only accepted regimen.
- o Use isoniazid unless there is documented exposure to a specific case of drug-resistant TB.

## TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS DISEASE IN CHILDREN

- o Pulmonary (and extra pulmonary except meningitis):
  - o Start with RIPE: Rifampin RIF, Isoniazid INH, Pyrazinamide PZA and Ethambutol EMB for 2 months
  - o followed by INH, RIF for another 4 months
  - o Usual length 6 months
  - o Can be once a day or twice weekly Direct Observed Therapy (DOT)
- o Meningitis:
  - o Start with RIP: Rifampin RIF, Isoniazid INH, Pyrazinamide PZA PLUS aminoglycoside or ethionamide for 2 months
  - o followed by 7-10 mo of Isoniazid and rifampin
  - o usual length: 9-12 months

Infection or Disease Category	Regimen	Remarks
<b>Latent <i>M. tuberculosis</i> infection</b> (positive TST or IGRA result, no disease)*		
• Isoniazid susceptible	9 mo of isoniazid, once a day	If daily therapy is not possible, DOT twice a week can be used for 9 mo.
• Isoniazid resistant	4 mo of rifampin, once a day	If daily therapy is not possible, DOT twice a week can be used for 4 mo.
• Isoniazid-rifampin resistant	Consult a tuberculosis specialist	
<b>Pulmonary and extrapulmonary (except meningitis)*</b>		
	2 mo of isoniazid, rifampin, pyrazinamide, and ethambutol daily or twice weekly, followed by: 4 mo of isoniazid and rifampin* by DOT* for drug-susceptible <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>	Some experts recommend a 3-drug initial regimen: isoniazid, rifampin, and pyrazinamide; if the risk of drug resistance is low, DOT is highly desirable.
	9 to 12 mo of isoniazid and rifampin for drug-susceptible <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>	If hilar adenopathy only and the risk of drug resistance is low, a 6-mo course of isoniazid and rifampin is sufficient.
		Drugs can be given 2 or 3 times/wk under DOT.
<b>Meningitis</b>		
	2 mo of isoniazid, rifampin, pyrazinamide, and an aminoglycoside or ethionamide, once a day, followed by 7-10 mo of isoniazid and rifampin, once a day or twice a week (9-12 mo total for drug-susceptible <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> )	For patients who may have acquired tuberculosis in geographic areas where resistance to streptomycin is common, kanamycin, amikacin, or capreomycin can be used instead of streptomycin.

## CORTICOSTEROIDS IN PEDIATRIC TUBERCULOSIS

- Useful when host inflammatory response is contributing to tissue damage or dysfunction
  - Meningitis
  - Endobronchial
  - miliary with alveolar block
  - pericardial with constriction
  - vertebral with spinal root irritation

- Can use prednisone or dexamethasone

IF there is a mass effect (swelling)  
 نجفف الكلى نفاخ . → we give steroids

## BCG VACCINES

- Used in all but 2 countries: USA and Notherland
- Given in first month of life in Jordan.
- Negligible effecton on TB epidemiology (Weak Vaccine)
- do not prevent infection (LTBI)
- little effect on reactivation disease
- not instruments of TB control
- **Major use is preventing life-threatening forms of tuberculosis in infants and children (60% - 90%)**

