

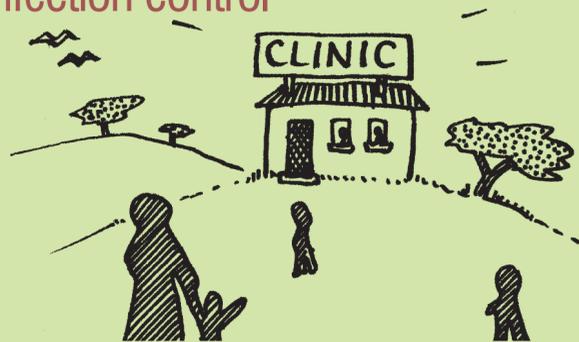
Health care workers: What can you do to reduce Tuberculosis transmission?

Health care workers are at great risk for developing TB disease. But these simple measures can reduce our risk:

Let's help each other prevent TB!!

Support measures

These facilitate implementation of TB infection control



The **Infection Prevention and Control Committee** co-ordinates TB infection prevention

The **TB infection control plan** describes who does what in this facility to prevent spread of TB

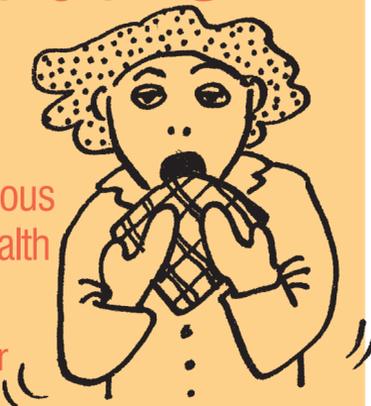
Client awareness of TB is raised by posters encouraging cough hygiene and cough disclosure. Health talks include a message on TB diagnosis and prevention

Staff training in TB infection control and early diagnosis of TB

TB/HIV collaboration means that HIV+ patients are screened for TB. INH prophylaxis prevents TB disease.

Administrative controls

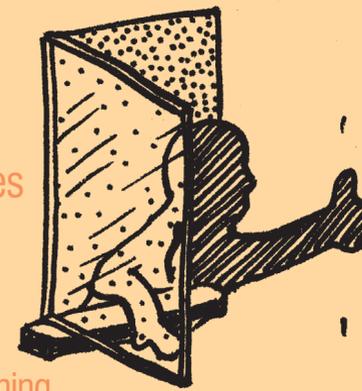
These reduce the production of infectious TB particles in this health care facility



- Screening clients for cough as they enter this facility
- Educate clients in cough hygiene
- Give masks/tissues to coughing clients as they enter this facility
- Separate clients who cough from those who don't
- Reduce waiting times for clients who cough
- Investigate clients who are coughing for TB
- Provide a safe environment for collection of sputum.

Environmental controls

These eliminate infectious TB particles from this health care facility



- Ventilate client waiting areas by opening windows
- Maintain good air circulation with open windows and fans in waiting areas and consultation rooms
- Use ultraviolet germicidal irradiation (UVGI)
- Service air conditioning and UVGI lamps regularly.

Personal risk reduction

These reduce inhalation of infectious TB particles by staff and clients and reduce risk of TB disease



- Use N95 masks to prevent inhalation of TB
- Encourage clients and staff to know their HIV status
- Screen staff for TB symptoms
- Provide INH prophylaxis for HIV+ clients and staff.

Ongoing quality assessment

Regular assessment of quality of TB infection control practices ensures that the environment is as safe as possible to prevent TB amongst clients and health care workers.



Know your HIV status

TB makes HIV worse
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