Intensified Case Finding: Defining the Research Agenda II

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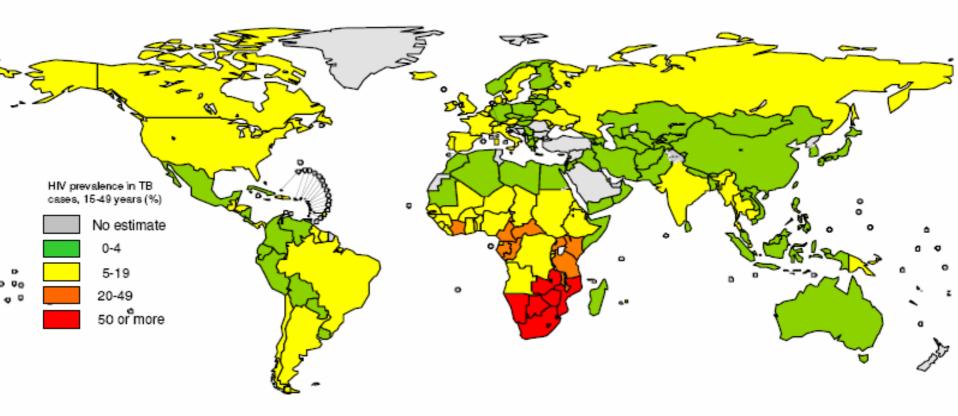
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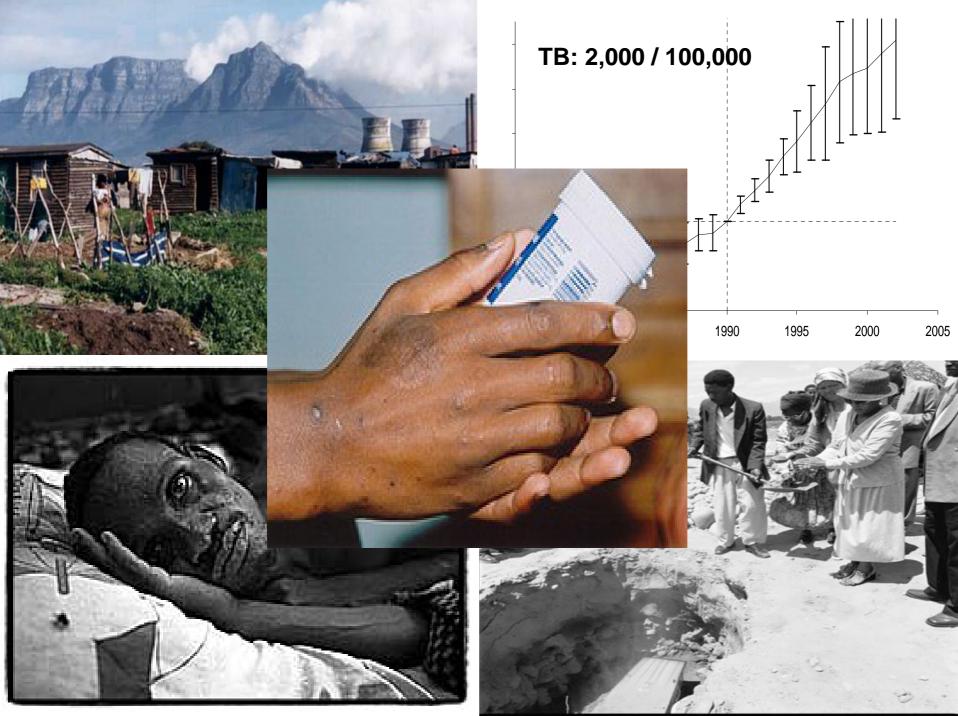
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Estimated HIV prevalence in new TB cases, 2005







TB Within ART Services

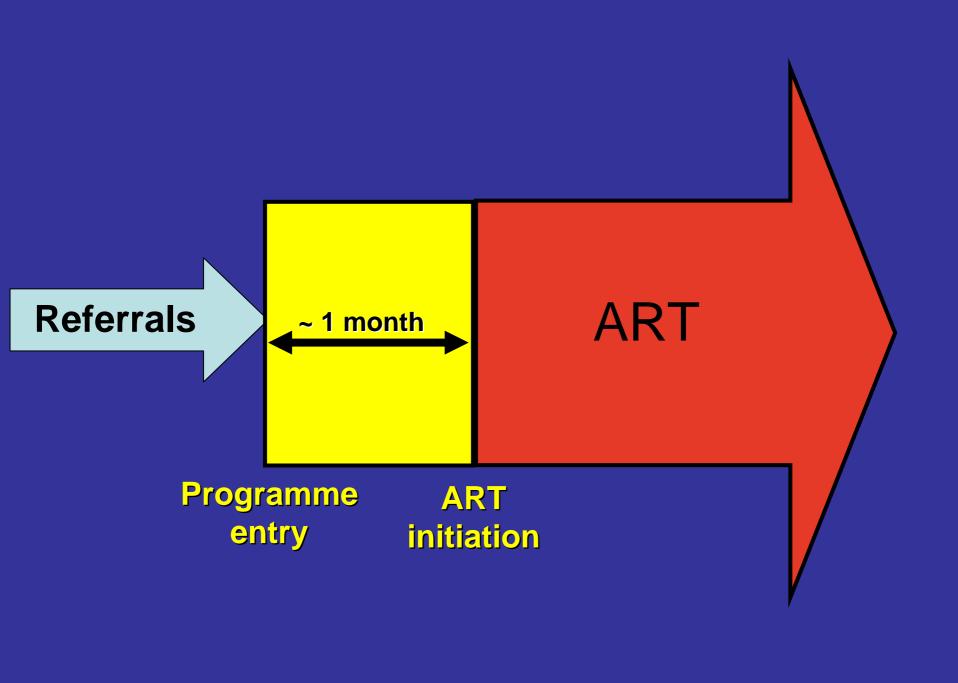
Sub-saharan Africa

- Lawn et al AIDS 2005
- Seyler et al AJRCCM 2005
- Lawn et al AIDS 2006
- Bonnet et al AIDS 2006
- Moore et al AIDS 2007

Lawn et al. Burden of tuberculosis in an antiretroviral treatment programme in sub-Saharan Africa: impact on treatment outcomes and implications for tuberculosis control. AIDS 2006; 20: 1605-12







TB Screening

SYMPTOMS

- Cough 2/52
- Fever / sweats
- Unexplained weight loss

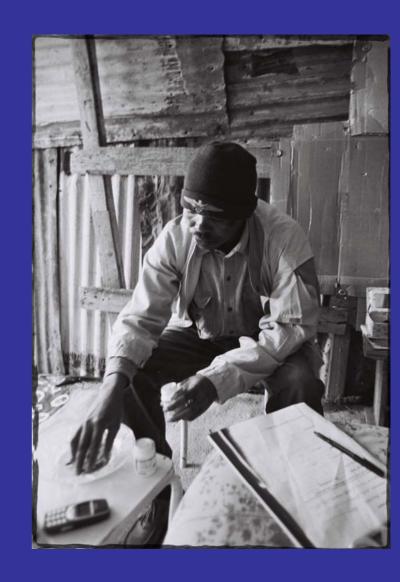
SIGNS

- Febrile
- Wasted
- Unwell



 >50% have previous history of treated TB

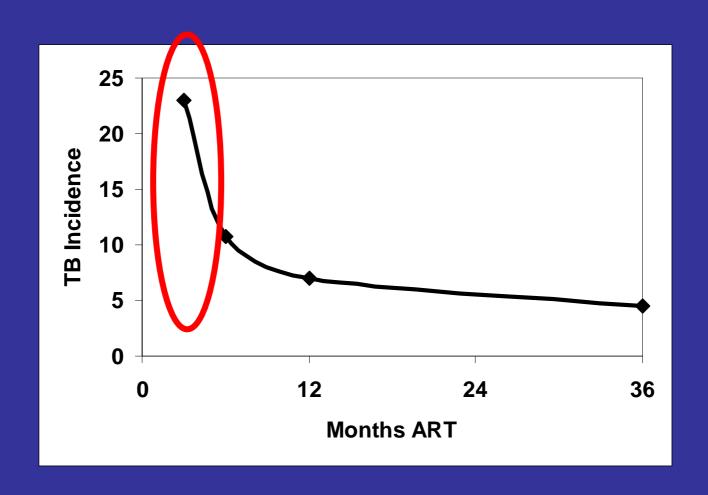
 >25% on TB Rx or active TB at enrolment





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Incident TB During ART





High TB Burden

- Morbidity
- High early mortality
- Nosocomial transmission
- Risk of 'unmasking' form of immune reconstitution disease

Hypothesis: high rates of sub-clinical TB at baseline

'Sub-Clinical' TB in HIV+ in Africa

- Mtei et al. Clin Infect Dis 2004 (Tanzania)
- Day et al. Int J Tuberc Lung Dis 2006 (S. Africa)
- Wood et al. AJRCCM 2007 (S. Africa)
- Corbett et al. PLoS Med 2007 (Zimbabwe)
- Lucas et al. AIDS 1991 (Cote D'Ivoire)

Pilot Study

Screening for TB

- New adult referrals
- All ART-naïve
- Not currently receiving TB Rx
- Symptoms documented
- All investigated for TB
- 2 x sputum (induced + non-induced)
 - Fluorescence microscopy
 - Liquid culture (MGIT, Beckton Dickinson)
- CXR





Preliminary Results

- 31% culture-proven TB
- ~80% smear negative
- >25% no suggestive symptoms

- CXRs
- IPT / HAART trial in Khayelitsha

The harder you look for it, the more you find!!

Many More Questions

- Who to investigate....some or all?
- How to investigate? specimens? diagnostics?
- Benefits of screening on outcomes?
- Adverse effects of screening....workload / cost / delays in ART initiation?
- ART as a practical 'diagnostic' in asymptomatic patients?
- Empiric TB treatment in sub-groups with highest-risk?

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