ANTIMYCOBACTERIALS

Mycobacterium

- Rod like gram-positive aerobic bacteria.
- <u>M. tuberculosis</u> causes **Tuberculosis** & <u>M. leprae</u> causes **leprosy.**
- Mycobacterium grow slowly, lie dormant, has thick cell wall and impermeable & become resistant to antibiotic therapies quickly.

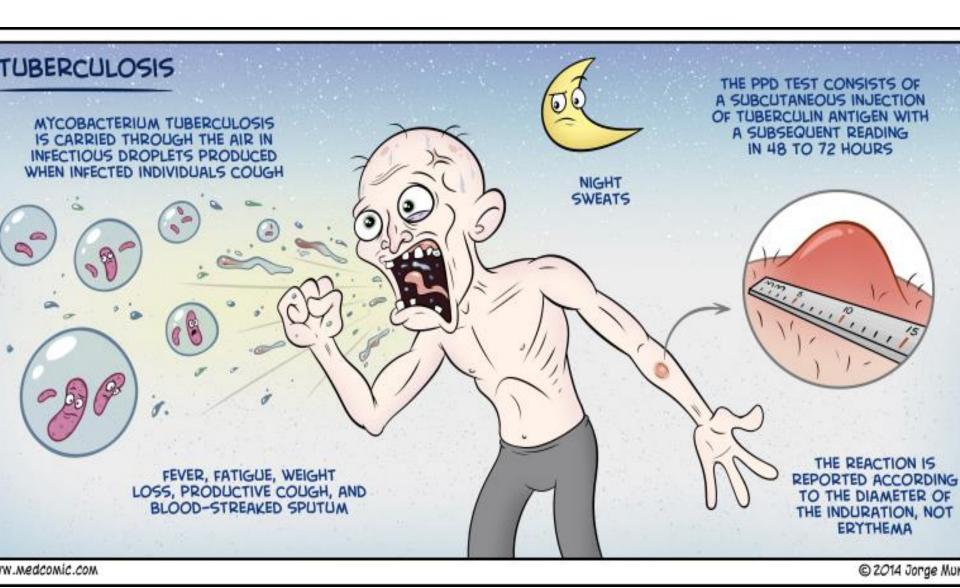
Therefore, <u>long periods</u>, with <u>several different</u> <u>antibiotics</u> simultaneously needed for eradication of *Mycobacterium*

Tuberculosis

- Infectious disease Caused by Mycobacterium tuberculosis
- Pulmonary TB (caseation)
- Extrapulmonary TB (liver, bone, spleen, skin)

Miliary TB: tuberculosis c.c by a wide dissemination into the human body and by the tiny size of the lesions (1–5 mm)





How pulmonary TB spreads

- TB spread from person to person by
 - sharing food or drink
 - coughing
 - sneezing
 - Kissing



Risk factors for pulmonary TB

- Older adults
- small children
- people who smoke
- people with an <u>autoimmune disorder</u>, such as <u>lupus</u> or <u>rheumatoid arthritis</u>
- people with lifelong conditions, such as <u>diabetes</u> or <u>kidney disease</u>
- people who are immunocompromised, such as those living with <u>HIV</u>, undergoing <u>chemotherapy</u>, or taking chronic steroids

Treatment of TB

- The objective therapy
 - to *eliminate symptoms* of active disease by killing multiplying bacilli (phase 1)
 - to *prevent relapse, & emergence* of drug resistance by eradication of problematic bacteria (phase 2).

Patient

Un Complicated

1st infection [6m ttt]

First 2 months (Initial Phase) Isoniazid rifampicin pyrazinamide ethambutol or streptomycin (2HRPE) A months (Continuation Phase) Isoniazid + rifampicin (4HR) (4HR)

Complicated

Fail ttt or 2nd infection [8 m ttt]

First 2 months (Initial Phase)	Isoniazid + rifampicin + pyrazinamide + ethambutol + streptomycin (2HRZES)
Further 1 or 2 Months	Isoniazid + rifampicin + pyrazinamide + ethambutol (1HRZE)
Five months (Continuation Phase)	Isoniazid + rifampicin + ethambutol (5HRE)

Anti TB

- **↓** *INH ; Rifampicine* most active drugs for 9 months cure 90-95%.
- Addition of <u>pyrazinamid</u> decrease duration of ttt to 6 months with same efficacy.
- Ethambutol & streptomycin will not decrease duration but provide additional coverage of Isolate proves to be resistance to INH & Rifampicine

INH (isoniazid H)

- Prodrug activated by bacterial catalase-peroxidase.
- <u>Sp. for Baciili</u> inhibits the enzyme required for mycolic acid synthesis, an essential component of mycobacterium cell wall.
- Bactericidal against <u>rapidly multiplying organisms</u>.
- Effective orally and metabolized by ACETYLATION
 which is genetically controlled. Fast acetylators
 require high dose and slow acetylators are
 predisposed to toxicity (particularly peripheral
 neuritis),
- other s/e Sideroblastic anemia due to B6 deficiency.

Rifampicine

- Broad spectrum antibiotic but restrict to TB to prevent resistance
- Secreted in bile, so does not require dose adjustment in renal failure.
- Effective against intra- and extra-cellular bacilli.
- Rifampicine is Only bactericidal drug active against dormant bacteria in solid caseous lesions.
- It is hepatotoxic and may cause skin rash, flu like syndrome and GI upset

Pyrazinamide

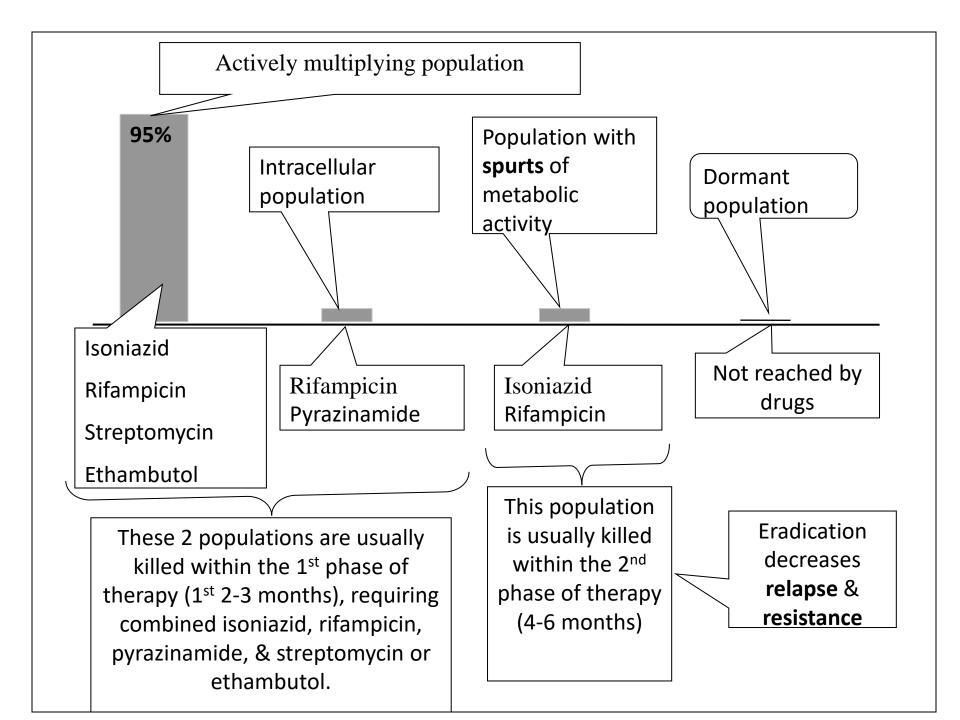
- Prodrug converted to active form by intrabacterial pyrazinamidase
- Effective in acidic media so benefit in Acute inflammation & against quiscent bacilli within macrophage.
- in 40% of the patients it causes nongouty arthralgia.

Ethambutol

- BACTERIOSTATIC agent, sp. for mycobacterium acts by inhibiting the synthesis of arabinogalactan (a component of cell wall) due to inhibition of arabinosyl transferase
- used when resistance to INH & rifampicine is suspected
- Causes visual disturbances like optic neuritis
- Contra-indicated in pregnancy & children.

Streptomycin

- Tuberculocidal aminoglycoside.
- It is not absorbed orally and must be administered by I.M injection.
- It is active only against extra-cellular bacteria.
- It is NOT HEPATOTOXIC.
- Streptomycin is contraindicated in PREGNANCY.



Leprosy

Infectious disease causes severe, disfiguring skin sores and nerve damage in the arms & legs, caused by slow-growing bacteria (2-4 incubation) yrs called Mycobacterium leprae.



Treatment

- Dapson 1st choice
- other *Rifampicine & Clofazimine*

Dapson

- t_{1/2} = 27hr, min duration is 2 years
- deposited in <u>infected skin much more</u> than normal skin.

Rifampicine

- 600mg/monthly (not true for UTI)
 - Support dapson to prevent infectivity

Post antibiotic effect

continued suppression of bacterial growth following limited exposure of organisms to an antimicrobial agent e.g. Rifampicine, amikacine, clarithromycin and ethambutol

Clofazmine

- $t_{1/2} = 70 \text{ days}$
- absorb in GIT & <u>accumulate in tissues</u>.
- used in dapson resistance

NB: Clofazmine activity depend on amount accumulate in tissue NOT on Plasma so we not depend on Css that is reach after (~ 350 days)

