# XDR and MDR TB Urgent Research Priorities

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## The Year of MDR XDR TB

#### • CDC, WHO report on global XDR TB

- XDR TB defined
- Global distribution
- Africa, India and Southeast Asia missing
- HIV not recorded

#### Rural South Africa-Tugela Ferry

- Higher rates both of MDR and XDR TB
- HIV associated
- Nosocomial transmission
- Extremely high mortality
- Global burden estimates
- Expert meetings and recommendations
  - WHO, CDC, NIH, Forum, national and international meetings
- The ASPE-airborne single patient event

#### Countries with XDR-TB Confirmed cases (May 2007) wно



### M/XDR TB is a wake up alarm call

- MDR and XDR TB uncovers past and current deficiencies in TB knowledge, strategies and programs
- Illustrates global nature TB drug resistance
- For high TB and HIV prevalence areas, threatens success of both StopTB and historic ARV roll out
- For high TB and low HIV prevalence areas with high HIV incidence, alerts ominous danger

#### **MDR XDR TB Research Priorities**

- Broad and complex areas of need
  - Epidemiology
  - Diagnosis
  - Treatment
- Urgency requires short term and longer term approaches, goals and solutions
- Operational research essential
- Resources

### **Two Case Studies MDR/XDR TB**

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Tugela Ferry	ASPE
High TB/M/XDR TB and HIV Prevalence	Single case
Diagnostic limitations	Diagnostic limitations
No microbiologic monitoring	Delayed and discordant results
Standardized treatment	Standardized treatment
TB control program-poor success	?
HIV epidemic	
KZN strain	
Lack of attention to transmission	Puzzling attention to transmission
Absence of treatment options	Limited treatment options
Ethical dilemmas	Ethical dilemmas

# Epidemiology

- Desperate need for epidemiologic characterization and interventions
  - -Short term
    - Rapid investigation of "hot spots"
    - Determination of type and site of transmission
      - Acquired vs Primary
      - Nosocomial and community
    - Interruption of transmission
  - *–Long term* 
    - WHO standardized surveillance procedures
    - Understanding relationship between resistance, virulence, specific strains

### Diagnostics

• Desperate need for modern, rapid M.TB diagnosis and drug susceptibility testing-first and second line, at point of care.

- Short term
  - case detection (TB and DS) by clinical algorithms and microscopy
  - expansion and availability of existing technologies
    - expansion of SL DST in existing labs
  - rapid mycobacterial culture and DST- MODS
  - testing of available promising rapid tests (rifampin based resistance)
  - expansion of rapid tests to include sentinel SL DST
- Longer term
  - widespread availability of rapid diagnostic technologies and facilities
  - enhanced and respected diagnostic research
  - training and retention of laboratory personnel

# Therapeutics

#### • Desperate need for new drugs and shorter regimens

- Short term
  - Speeding drug evaluation and approval process
    - "Salvage therapy"
    - Shorter followup
    - Surrogate markers
  - First and SLD TB and ARV PK and PD interactions
  - Novel treatment delivery strategies for SLD-treatment
    - Community based treatment
- Long term
  - Expanded access
  - Clinical trial results of new therapies
  - Basic research in drug development

## HIV and TB

- Universal access to antiretroviral therapy (decrease susceptible population)
  - -Short term
    - accelerate ARV roll out
    - start ARVs earlier before TB disease occurs
- Strengthening TB programs

-Short and long term

• Operational research or programmatic collaboration and integration

- Short and long term

# Urgent need to interrupt transmission

# **Hospital acquired XDR-TB**





12 January 2007 Drug susceptible TB 11 April 2007 XDR-TB

### Urgent need to interrupt transmission

- Primary nosocomial transmission critical
- Most sites with no or limited infection control
- Short term
  - focus on developing, implementing and monitoring site appropriate infection control strategies
    - administrative ,environmental, personal
    - Study effectiveness of strategies individually and in combination
  - -Long term
    - Vaccine
    - Alleviation of social and economic conditions and health disparities that breed both TB and HIV

### **Future projections Tugela Ferry Effect of infection control interventions** (2005-2007)

• If no new interventions are introduced, a total of 1,300 cases of XDR tuberculosis predicted

-Over half nosocomially transmitted.

- Combining available interventions could avert 48% of XDR TB (range 34-50%)
  - mask use, reduced hospitalization time, shift to outpatient therapy, improved ventilation, rapid drug resistance testing, HIV treatment, and reasonable tuberculosis isolation facilities.

#### **XDR TB cases averted over the next five years**

#### administrative measures.

#### environmental measures



#### personal protective measures



Environmental measures



#### combinations of strategies



Available combinations

#### Natural Ventilation for the Prevention of Airborne Contagion

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#### 368 experiments performed over 2 years

# Old fashioned *vs.* modern facilities : ACH, absolute ventilation, risk of TB infection



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