


## Treatment of latent tb guidelines

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The guidelines recommend three preferred and two alternative treatment regimens. The three preferred regimens chosen for efficacy, safety and high treatment completion rates are based on rhymycin. This is three months of razoniazid plus rifapentin for adults and children over 2 years of age, regardless of HIV status; four months of daily rifampina; or three months of daily isoniazid plus rifampin. Rhymycin-based regimens have a long list of drug interactions, including warfarin, oral contraceptives, azolam and HIV antiretroviral therapy. Alternative recommended schemes are six or nine months of daily isoniazid, with six months preferred for HIV-negative adults and children. These schemes are also recommended for individuals who are unable to adopt a rhyming-based regime because of drug intolerance or drug interaction. Sarah Coles, M.D., Phoenix, a member of the AAFP Public Health and Science Commission, told AAFP News that management reported shorter duration regimes had higher completion rates and less toxicity, with similar effectiveness to longer monotherapy regimens with isoniazid. Make sure to carefully check your patient's drug list to assess possible drug interactions before prescribing rhyamycin-based circuits, she added. Screening for the LTBI United States Preventive Care Task Force recommends LTBI screening in populations that are at increased risk, a recommendation supported by AAFP. These include patients born in countries with high rates of tuberculosis or former residents, as well as people who live or have lived in high-risk places, such as homeless shelters or correctional facilities, Coles said. The best way to catch these people is to be familiar with risk factors, identify risk factors during office visits and to screen these patients for either TB skin tests or interferon-gamma-release analyses like T-Spot or quantiferon-TB Gold, she said. Hidden TB is defined as an infection of M. tuberculosis in the absence of clinical diseases. Individuals with LTBI are imptomtic but have an immune response to M. tuberculosis antigens. Family doctors should remember that just because the patient is askiptomatic, this does not mean that their hidden infection will not pass on to active TB. To diagnose LTBI, active TB must be eliminated, Coles said. This will require a history and physical search for signs and symptoms of active tuberculosis, as well as chest X-rays, she said. If X-rays show lung penetration, lymphadenopathy, damage to the cavity or if the patient has symptoms consistent with active TB, sputum should be obtained for smear bacilli and culture. Symptoms of active tuberculosis include coughing, fever, haemoptism, night sweats and weight loss. Coles said she treated LTBI in her practice, and on cases identified by LTBI through screening and managed treatment. My last case was of a woman who immigrated from a county with a high prevalence of tuberculosis, she said. Due to numerous drug drug interactions, she was unable to get a rhyfacin-based regimen. She has completed a six-month isoniazid regimen and is very well-treated. Final thoughts Coles said the new guidelines sought to answer the question Which ltBI treatment regimens have the greatest efficacy and least toxicity? With regard to the limitations of the manual, she said hepatotoxicity was the only comparative indicator of toxicity assessment, and she noted that the guidelines did not recommend or evaluate evidence on who to test and treat or to manage side effects. In addition, Coles noted that periodic regimens are recommended to be administered with directly observed therapy that may increase the cost or create a barrier for patients who have difficulty getting an appointment. In addition, when choosing a regimen, she said, family doctors should take into account the cost, feasibility, comorbidities, drug interactions and patient preferences. Finally, Coles said that LTBI treatment is good within family medicine. Family doctors should screen high-risk individuals and then provide treatment as needed, she said. Patients feel safe and most supported in their primary care home, and we can help monitor adherence to treatment regimens, assess side effects and identify the right patients for treatment. Timothy R. Sterling, MD1; Jibril Njier, MPH2; Dominique Senner, MD3; David L. Cohn, MD4; Randall Reves, MD4; Amina Ahmed, MD5; Dick Menzies, MD6; C. Robert Horsburgh Jr., MD7; Charles M. Crane, MD8; Marcos Burgos, MD8.9; Philip Lobu, MD2; Carla A. Winston, PhD2; Robert Belknap, MD4.8 (View Author Affiliation) View offered a quote summary of the Comprehensive Guidelines for the Treatment of Hidden Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI) among individuals living in the United States was last published in 2000 (American Thoracic Society). The CDC targeted TB testing and treatment of a latent tuberculosis infection. Am J Respir Crit Care Med 2000;161:S221-47). Since then, several new schemes have been carried out in clinical trials. To update previous guidelines, the National Association of TB Controllers (NTCA) and the CDC convened a committee to conduct a systematic review of literature and make new recommendations on the most effective and least toxic treatment regimens for LTBI among individuals living in the United States. A systematic review of the literature included clinical trials of LTBI treatment regimens. evidence (high, moderate, low or very low) in clinical trials was evaluated using recommendation, development and evaluation criteria (GRADE). In addition, meta-analysis evaluated patterns that were not directly compared in clinical trials. The result of efficiency was tuberculosis disease; the result of toxicity was hepatotoxicity. Strong GRADE recommendations required at least moderate evidence of efficacy and that the desired effects outweighed the undesirable effects in most patients. GRADE conditional recommendations were aligned in cases where the definition of desirable effects outweighed the undesirable effects, was uncertain (e.g. through substandard evidence). These updated 2020 LTBI treatment guidelines include NTCA- and CDC-recommended treatment regimens that include three preferred rhyming-based regimens and two alternative monotherapy regimens with daily isoniazid. All recommended treatment regimens are intended for individuals infected with mycobacterium tuberculosis, which is supposed to be susceptible to isoniazid or rifampin. These updated guidelines do not apply where there is evidence that the M. tuberculosis infecting strain is resistant to both isoniazid and



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Detailed information is available and information on the quality of evidence (Additional tables; . Risk and Treatment Ratio 2017 (unpublished) Coefficient Ratio (95% Reliable Interval) Odds (95% (95% interval) Tuberculosis risk compared with no treatment No treatment 1 (ref) 1 (ref) 3 mos isoniazid plus rifapentine given once weekly 0.36 (0.18–0.73) 0.36 (0.18–0.72) 3–4 mos rifampin given daily 0.25 (0.11–0.57) 0.25 (0.12–0.50) 3 mos isoniazid plus rifampin given daily 0.33 (0.20–0.54) 0.33 (0.20–0.53) 6 mos isoniazid given daily 0.40 (0.26–0.60) 0.40 (0.26–0.59) 9 mos isoniazid given daily 0.46 (0.22–0.95) 0.47 (0.24–0.90) Hepatotoxicity risk compared with no treatment No treatment 1 (ref) 1 (ref) 3 mos isoniazid plus rifapentine given once weekly 0.52 (0.13–2.15) 0.53 (0.13–2.13) 3–4 mos rifampin given daily 0.14 (0.02–0.81) 0.13 (&lt;0.02–0.72) 3 mos isoniazid plus rifampin given daily 0.72 (0.21–2.37) 0.73 (0.22–2.38) 6 mos isoniazid given daily 1.10 (0.40–3.17) 1.11 (0.41–3.15) 9 mos isoniazid given daily 1.70 (0.35–8.05) 1.77 (0.35–8.32) Abbreviation The results of the 2017 analysis were published, citing all the initial studies included in the analysis (Senner D, Beer N, Harris RJ, Lipman MC, Stagg HR, van der Werf. Treatment of latent tuberculosis infection: updated network meta-analysis. Ann Intern Med 2017;167:248-55.); The 2018 update includes data subsequently published (Diallo T, Adjobimey M, Ruslami R, etc. Safety and side effects of rifampin compared to isoniazid in children. N Engl J Med 2018;379:454-63; Menzies D, Adjobimey M, Ruslami R, et al. Four months of rifampin or nine months of isoniazid in late-tb adults. N Engl J Med 2018;379:440-53). Priority Rank Recommendations (strong or conditional) Evidence (high, moderate, low, or very low) Preferred 3 mos isoniazid plus rifapentin, given once a week Strong Moderate Preferred 4 mos rifampin, given the daily Strong Moderate (HIV negative)† Preferred 3 mos isoniazid plus rifampin, given the daily Conditional Very Low (HIV-negative) Conditional Low (HIV-positive) Alternative 6 mos isoniazid given the daily strong (HIV-negative) Conditional Moderate (HIV-positive) Alternative 9 mos isoniazid Shorter duration of treatment, higher completion rates than longer regimens and therefore higher efficacy; Alternative: excellent efficacy, but concerns about longer-term treatment, Lower completion rates, and therefore lower efficacy.† No evidence recorded in HIV-positive individuals. Dose duration of the drug and age group Frequency Of General doses of Isoniazid and rifapentin† 3 mos Adults and children ≥12 years Once a week 12 Isoniazid: 15 mg/kg rounded up to the nearest 50 or 100 mg; 900 mg maximum rifampin: kg, 300 mg 14.1-25.0 kg, 450 mg 25.1-32.0 kg, 600 mg 32.1-49.9 kg, 750 mg ≥50.0 kg, 900 mg maximum Children aged 2-11 yrsoniazid: 25 mg/kg; 900 mg maximum rifupentin†: see above Rifampina 4 mos Adults: 10 mg/kg Daily 120 Children: 15-20 mg/kg Maximum dose: 600 mg Isoniazid and rifampin 3 mos Adults Daily 90 Isoniazid: 5 mg/kg; 300 mg maximum Rifampin: 10 mg/kg; 600 mg maximum Children's isoniazid: 10-20 mg/kg††; 300 mg maximum Rifampin: 15-20 mg/kg; 600 mg maximum Isoniazid 6 m Adults: 5 mg/kg Daily 180 Children: 10-20 mg/kg†† Maximum dose: 300 mg Adults:15 mg/kg Twice a week 52 Children: 20-40 mg/kg†† Maximum dose: 900 mg 9 mg Adults: 5 mg/kg Daily 270 Children: 10-20 mg/kg†† dose: 300 mg Adults: 15 mg/kg Twice a week 76 Children: 20-40 mg/kg†† Maximum dose: 900 mg and isoniazid as 100 mg and 300-mg tablets.† Rifapentin formulated as 150-mg voldal pill packs that should be formulated before use. a health care worker watches medication. Rifampin (rifampicin) is formulated as a 150-mg and 300 mg capsule. The American Academy of Pediatrics recognizes that some experts use rifampin at 20-30 mg/kg for daily prescribing for infants and toddlers (Source: American Academy of Pediatrics. Red Book: 2018 Report by the Committee on Infectious Diseases. 31st o. Itasca, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics; 2018:829-53.†† the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends a dose of isoniazid 10-15 mg/kg for daily regimen and 20-30 mg/kg for a two-week regimen. Recommended quote for this article: Sterling TR, Njie G, zenner D, et al. Guidelines for the Treatment of Hidden Tuberculosis Infection; Recommendations from the National Association of Tuberculosis Controllers and the CDC. 2020. MMWR Recomm Rep 2020;69 (No. RR-1):1-11. DOI: icon. THE MMWR Morbidity and Mortality Report is a hallmark of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 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