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Tuberculosis: January 2009

General News

Number of New TB Cases in Vietnam in 2008 60% Higher than Previous WHO Estimates

Vietnam News Agency, January 16, 2009

The number of new tuberculosis cases reported in Vietnam in 2008 was 60% higher than previous estimates from the World Health Organization, says Vietnam's Deputy Health Minister Nguyen Thi Xuyen.

http://www.kaisernetwork.org/daily_reports/rep_index.cfm?DR_ID=56523

TB Deaths Decrease by 35%

Times of India, January 16, 2009

Tuberculosis deaths in the Indian city of Chennai have decreased by 35% over the past four years, in part because of increased use of DOTS.

http://www.kaisernetwork.org/daily_reports/rep_index.cfm?DR_ID=56489

Why the US Must Lead on Global HIV and TB Treatment

San Francisco Chronicle, January 13, 2009

An op-ed by Diane Havlir, Professor of Medicine at the University of California- San Francisco on why the US must lead on global HIV and TB treatment.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2009/01/12/EDA4157UOL.DTL>

Drug-Resistant TB

South Africa Battles Deadly New Tuberculosis

Global Post, January 13, 2009

Currently, the South Africa is grappling with how best to limit the spread of XDR-TB, where the world's largest number of patients who suffer from the disease reside.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2009/01/13/south-africa-is-at-the-ep_n_157589.html

TB Treatment

New Treatment for Latent Tuberculosis

United Press International, January 23, 2009

Canadian researchers have found that treatment with the drug rifampin is better tolerated for tuberculosis than the nine-month treatment of isoniazid.

http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2009/01/23/New_treatment_for_latent_tuberculosis/UPI-69661232742991/

Targeting Tuberculosis

ADVANCE, January 7, 2009

A “revolutionary” test will shorten the 2-4 months it now takes to detect multidrug-resistant TB down to mere hours.

<http://nursing.advanceweb.com/editorial/content/editorial.aspx?cc=191375>