


# Ethics of Tuberculosis Prevention, Care and Control

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## MODULE 11: CONCLUSION

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### Objectives

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Upon completion of this module, you will be able to:

- Discuss emerging ethical issues in TB prevention care and control
- Identify strategies and approaches to improve ethical TB management practices within your work setting

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### Emerging Issues

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- Palliative/end of life care in infectious, untreatable patients
- Treatment when safety profile of drugs is unclear
- Monotherapy in the era of non-treatable TB
- Compassionate use of TB drugs
- Catastrophic expenditures in TB patients

- Have you seen the impacts of these in your setting?
- What other emerging ethical issues have you noted?

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## What does this training mean for you?

### Conflict in Ethical Principles

Individual Autonomy	Risks to Public Health
Rights to privacy	Transmission of TB
Rights to liberty and self-determination	Risk of spread of drug-resistant TB

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## Applying your training..... Instructions

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PLENARY

- Using the *Ethics of TB Prevention, Care and Control Assessment Tool* that you completed for your TB programme, select the area which you believe will be most improved by applying the ethical values and guidance
- Use Activity 6 Planning Tool in the Delegate Hand-out to plan actions you will take to achieve improvement in the area you selected and identify ways in which you can address gaps to achieve improvement in the following timeframes:
  - Immediately
  - At 1 month
  - At 6 months?
- Review the barrier that you identified in Obligation to provide access to TB services: Activity 4 Delegate Hand-out to assist with the identification of the component where you can have the greatest impact to assist you

Consider issues that you can directly impact on so that you can continue to improve the TB service you provide

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## Next Steps

- Return to your work setting with the completed Activity Planning Tool and actions that can be taken:
  - Immediately
  - Within 1 month
  - Within 6 months
- Discuss key outcomes and planned actions with your line manager and others in programme as appropriate to garner support
- Continue to think critically and carefully about ethical TB prevention, care and control in your job!

Advocate for the importance of addressing ethics, human rights, equity and social dimensions in TB programmes

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