Examples of Expected Outcomes in TB Case Management

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| **Activity: Treatment with anti-TB medications*** Appropriate medication regimen is completed in expected time frame (varies according to patient’s condition).
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| **Activity: Directly observed therapy (DOT)*** Treatment is completed.
* Patient maintains adherence rate that meets established objectives.
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| **Activity: Clinical monitoring of response to TB treatment*** Sputum smears and cultures remain negative.
* Patient no longer demonstrates signs or symptoms of TB.
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| **Activity: Adherence monitoring*** Patient keeps appointments with physician, nurse, and other team members.
* Patient does not miss DOT appointments.
* Barriers are identified and issues addressed.
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| **Activity: Insight into TB disease process*** Patient verbalizes an understanding of the TB disease process.
* Patient understands importance of following TB treatment regimen as evidenced by adherence and completion of therapy.
* Patient cooperates with the nurse and TB staff on contact investigation, infection control, and other efforts to prevent transmission of disease.
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| **Activity: Treatment plan documented*** Individualized care plan, developed in the early stages of treatment, is reviewed at regular intervals and updated by team members, as needed.
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| **Activity: Community health*** Contacts are identified, tested, evaluated, and started on treatment according to established guidelines.
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