Should the private sector treat TB?

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PRIVATE PRACTICE
YES, WE CAN!
Requirements for a TB programme:

- Accurate diagnosis

- Appropriate treatment (appropriate dose, period and guarantee availability)

- Notify accordingly
Accurate diagnosis

Clinical suspicion
If it walks like a duck, sounds like a duck and looks like a duck... chances are, it's probably a duck.
If it walks like a duck and talks like a duck, you're drunk. Ducks don't talk.
If it looks like TB (results of special investigations), sounds like TB (history), talks like TB....
It could be:
Lymphoma
Sarcoid
MOTT
Syphilis
Non-benign lesions
Fungus
Accurate diagnosis

- Radiology: CXR, U/S abdomen, CT
- Pathology: Sputum, urine, FNAB, LN biopsy, bloods

Waiting times in private vs public
Appropriate treatment

- Weight

- Availability (if not in stock, will be available within 24hrs)

- Challenge is availability of Rifinah (consequence)
Supply results on which diagnosis was made and accompanying ICD 10 code
CAN THE PRIVATE SECTOR DO IT?
We are already doing this…

- DM
- HT
- Other chronic diseases
- HIV
SYSTEMS SYSTEMS SYSTEMS SYSTEMS SYSTEMS
Availability of protocols – conforming to protocols

Availability of technology – live sites, scanners, emails

Availability of human resources – call centre, case managers, medical officers/experts
WHAT EXACTLY IS THE ADVANTAGE OF PUBLIC SECTOR?
DOTS?

- **Directly Observed Treatment Short course**
- Who does DOTS?

  Clinic sister  ❌

  Relatives/co-habitors

  Work place nurse practitioner
WHAT EXACTLY IS THE DISADVANTAGE OF PRIVATE SECTOR?
PRIVATE SECTOR

- Can we make an accurate diagnosis? ✓
- Can we give appropriate treatment? ✓
- Can we notify? ✓
MATHE OUT!!