

# Why should I participate in *FAST*?

MDR-TB can potentially affect everyone, especially health care workers who provide direct care to TB or MDR-TB patients on a daily basis.

Therefore, diagnosing and treating patients **FAST** will reduce your exposure and the possibility of being infected with MDR-TB.

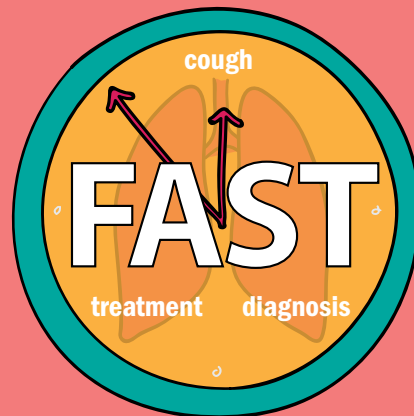
Your involvement in MDR-TB care must be **FAST!**

For additional information about your country's MDR-TB infection control strategy, please contact your National Tuberculosis Program.

For more information on the **FAST** strategy, visit the TB CARE II website: <http://tbcare2.org>.



FAST FOR TB SETTINGS



**Finding MDR-TB**  
**Actively**  
**Separating Safely**  
**Treating Effectively**



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# What is *FAST*?

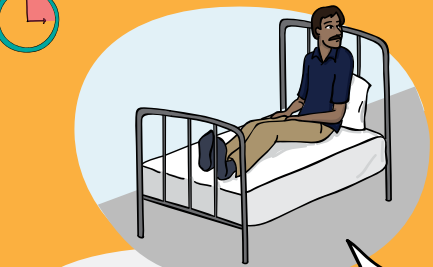
**FAST** is an infection control strategy that can prevent MDR-TB by emphasizing specific administrative infection control activities.



**Remember:** infection control activities are ones that help to reduce exposure to disease, in this case, MDR-TB.



For **FAST**, the infection control activities that are prioritized are rapidly diagnosing and putting patients on effective treatment.



An admitted patient or a patient entering a TB setting should be tested for MDR-TB right away



The patient provides a sputum sample



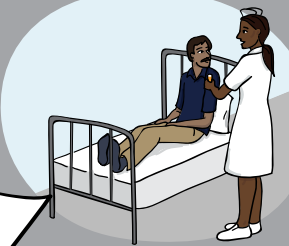
The nurse gives the lab technician the sputum sample



The lab technician gives the test result to the nurse  
The nurse reviews the test result



The lab technician examines the sputum sample for MDR-TB



The nurse explains the test result to patient



The patient starts effective MDR-TB treatment

**FAST: Finding TB and MDR-TB Actively, Separating Safely, Treating Effectively**