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## TB Treatment for Children – Drugs, dosages & FDCs

TB treatment for children is fundamentally the same as for adults, with a combination of **TB drugs** needing to be taken for a number of months. TB treatment for children consists of an intensive phase followed by a continuation phase. The purpose of the intensive phase is to rapidly eliminate the majority of the TB bacteria, and this phase uses a greater number of TB drugs than the continuation phase whose aim is to eradicate any remaining dormant bacteria.

When started promptly the outcome of TB treatment in children is generally good, even in those children that are very young and who have compromised immune systems.

### Achieving successful TB treatment for children

Achieving successful treatment of **TB in children** depends on a number of different factors including:<sup>1</sup>

- The child must be promptly diagnosed
- **TB treatment** must be started promptly
- The correct TB drugs must be provided
- The dosage of the TB drugs must be adjusted according to the child's weight
- Support must be provided to ensure that the TB drugs are taken correctly