A History of Tuberculosis: From Ancient Times to Today

Ancient times
Evidence of TB depicted in Egyptian art; noted in biblical books

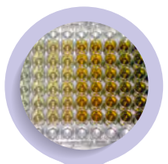
1700s–1800s
TB described in medical literature; identified as a single disease in the 1820s

1834
Johann Schonlein coins the term "tuberculosis"

1867
First international conference on TB is held in Paris

1882
Dr. Robert Koch identifies causative agent of TB

1907
Tuberculin skin test developed by Dr. Charles Mantoux



1920
International Union Against Tuberculosis (IUAT) founded; BCG vaccine against TB developed

1921
BCG vaccine against tuberculosis first medically used

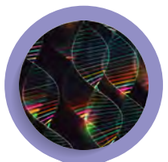
1952
First oral mycobactericidal drug developed

1995
WHO promotes a new TB control strategy: Directly Observed Treatment Short-Course (DOTS)

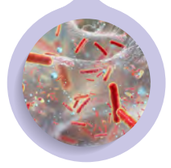
2001
First TB ELISA blood test launched in US

2008
ELISPOT TB blood test launched in US

2010
Molecular test for TB launched



2012
FDA approves new medicine for treatment of multi-drug-resistant TB



2016
WHO End TB Strategy implemented

2018
CDC recommends 3HP treatment of latent TB infection

2019
FDA approves new treatment for highly drug-resistant forms of TB

TB vaccine unveiled by researchers

2020
CLIA TB blood test launched in US

WHAT'S NEXT?

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