

## Active Drug Safety Monitoring and Management (aDSM) in the Philippines

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# Outline of the Presentation

Burden of tuberculosis (TB) in the Philippines

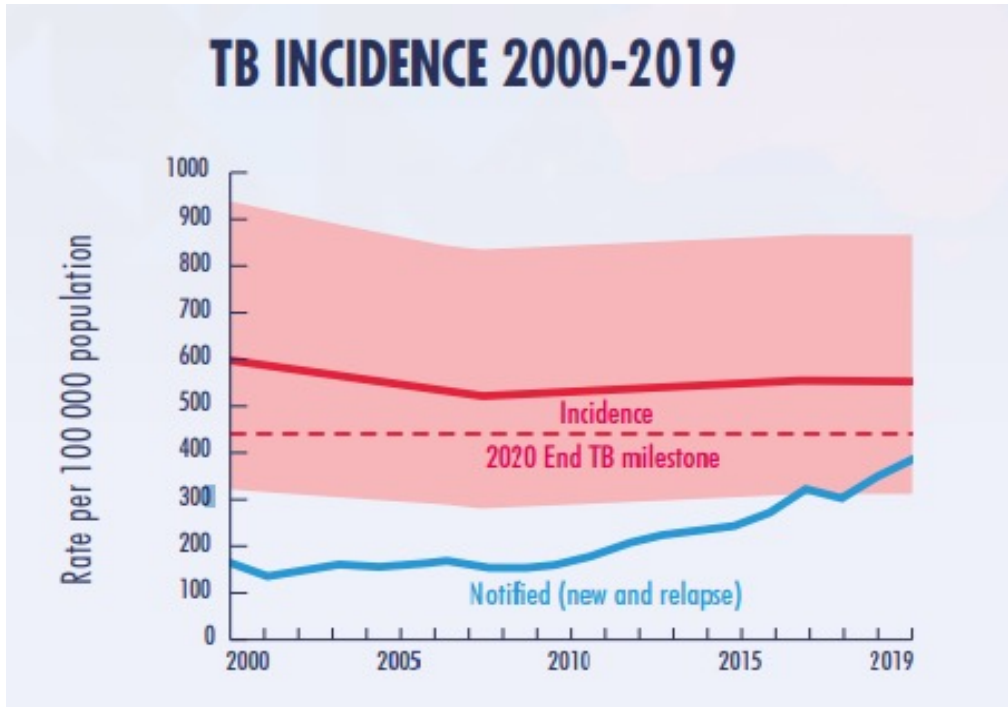
Key challenges in the implementation of the Programmatic Management of Drug-Resistant TB (PMDT)

Active TB-Drug Safety Monitoring and Management (aDSM) Framework

Essential Activities of aDSM

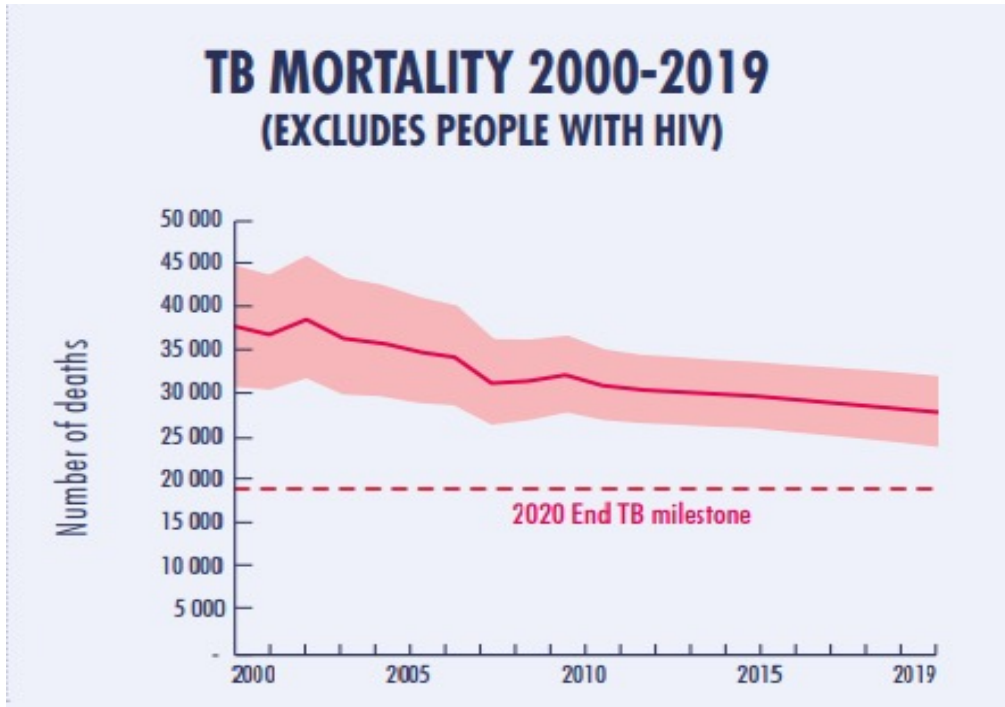
Status of aDSM implementation – progress made so far

# Burden of TB in the Philippines



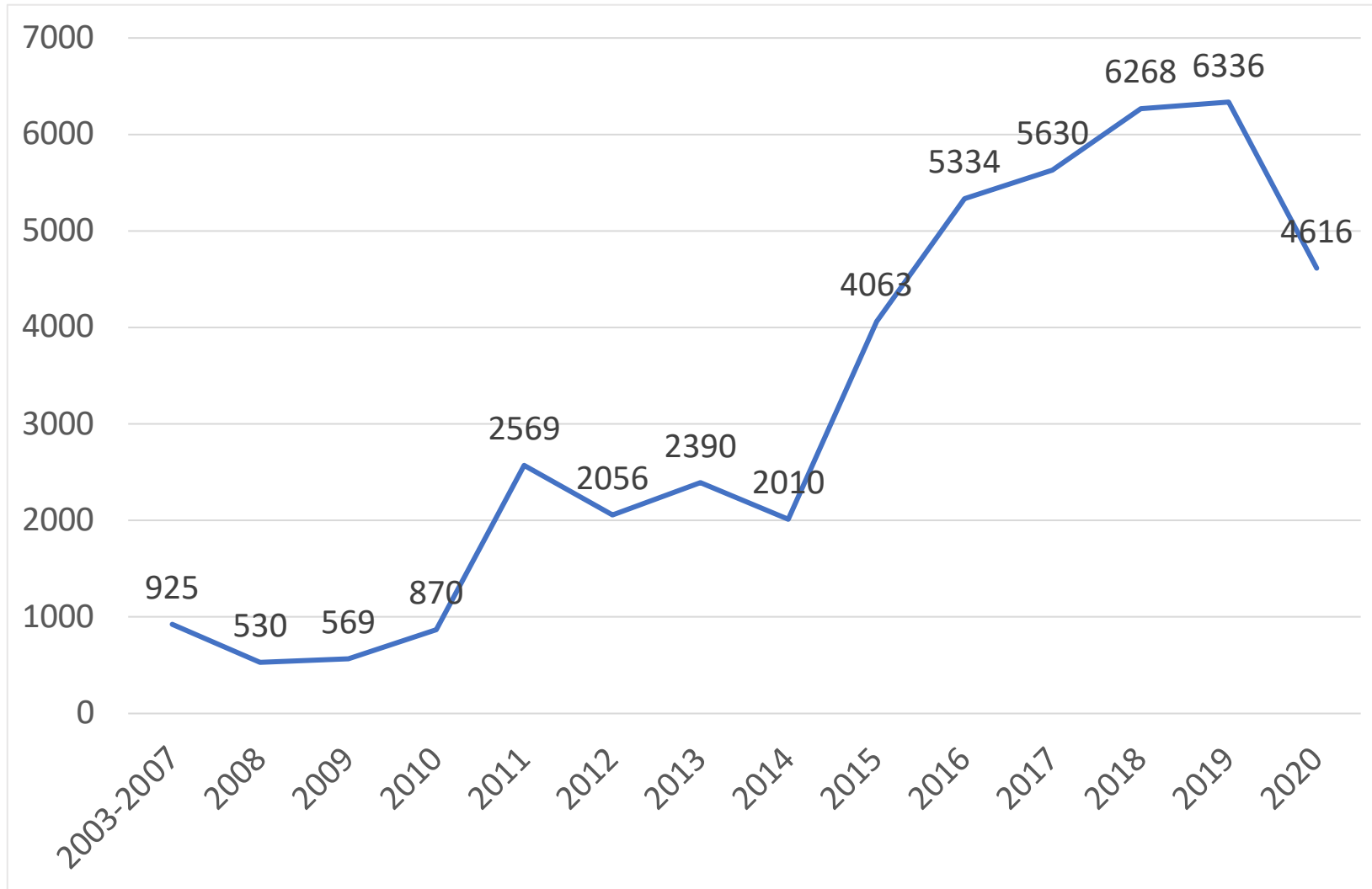
Total TB Incidence:  
554 per 100,000 population

MDR/RR-TB Incidence:  
19 per 100,000 population

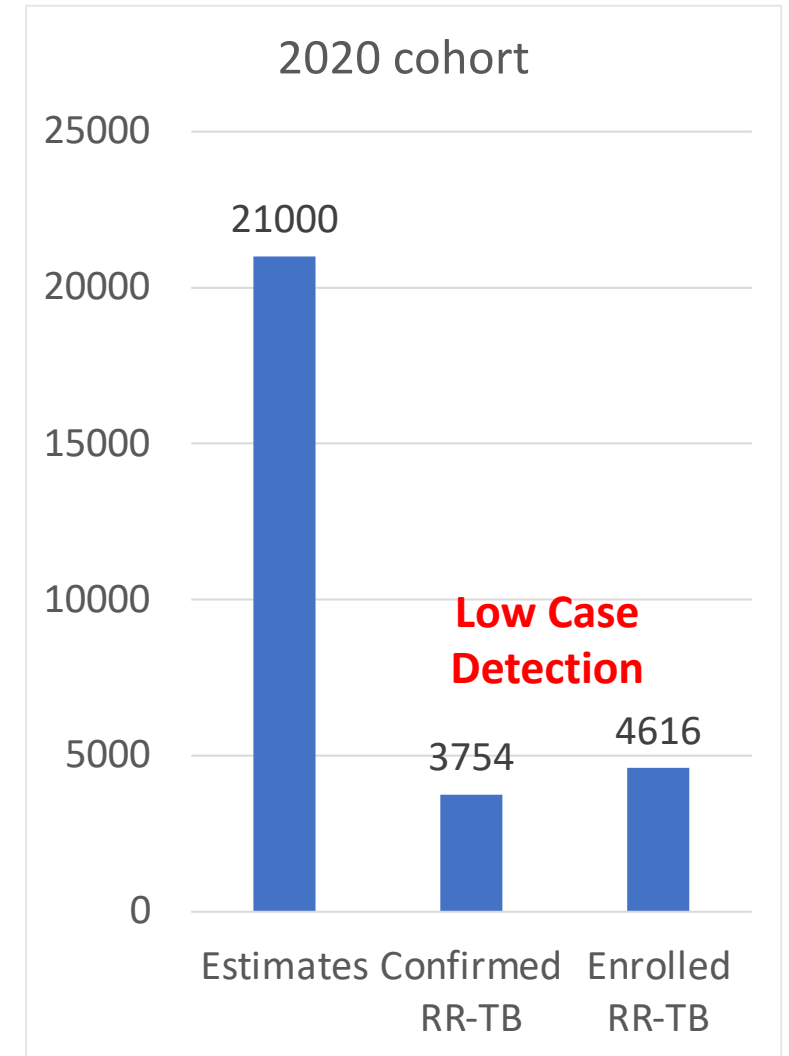


HIV-negative TB mortality:  
25 per 100,000 population

# Key Challenges in PMDT Implementation (1)



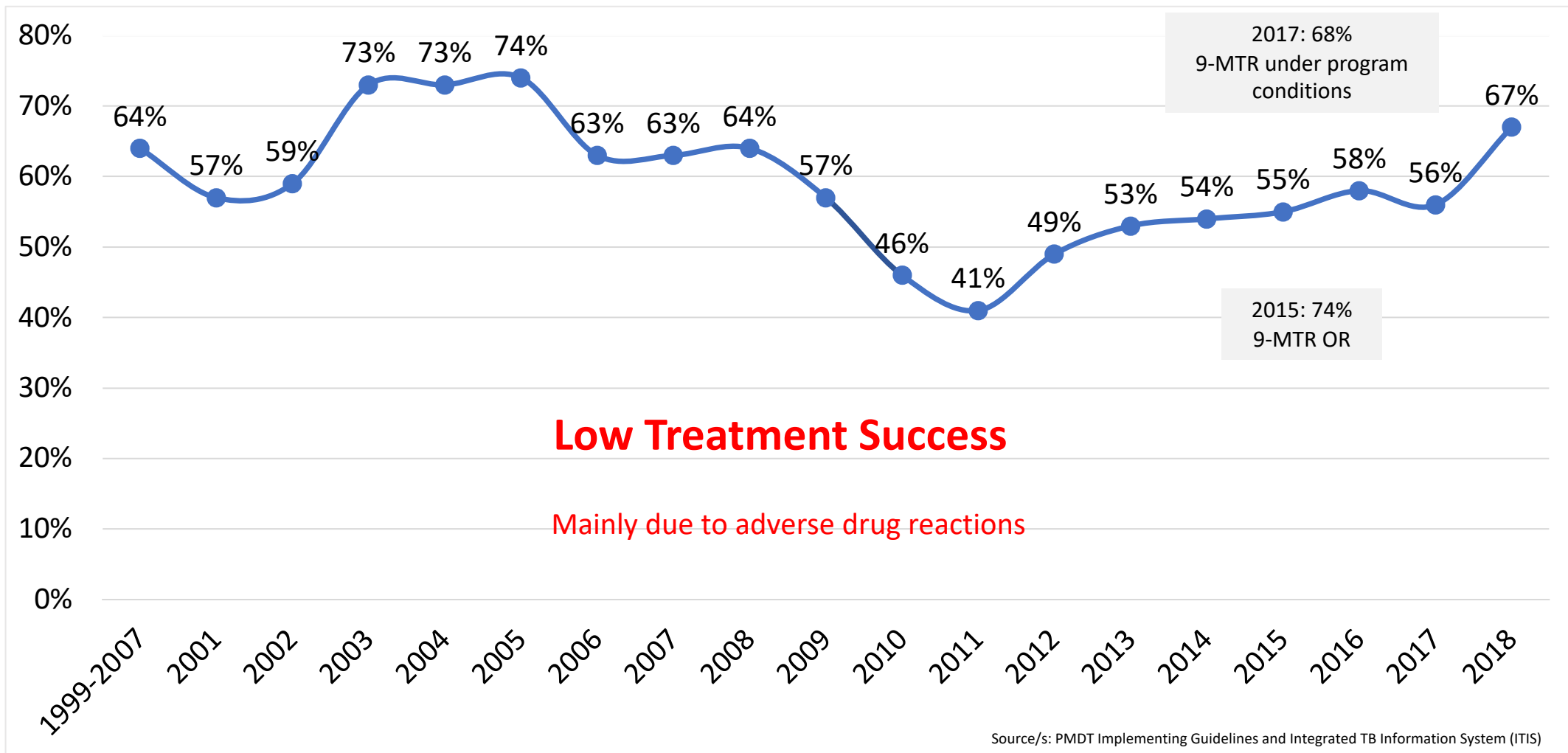
**Trend of Enrolment under PMDT, Philippines, 2003-2020**



Source/s: PMDT Implementing Guidelines and Integrated TB Information System (ITIS)



# Key Challenges in PMDT Implementation (2)



**Trend of Treatment Success Rate under PMDT, Philippines, 1999-2018**

To ensure successful treatment outcome of patients with DR-TB....



## Key Strategies

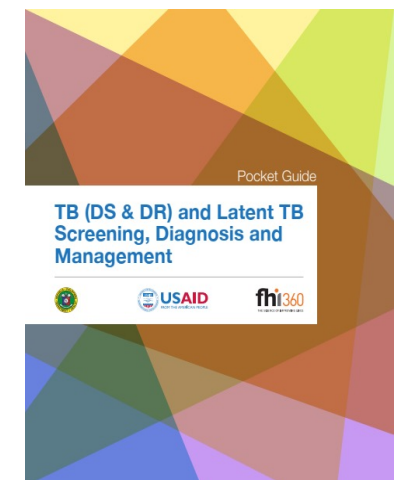
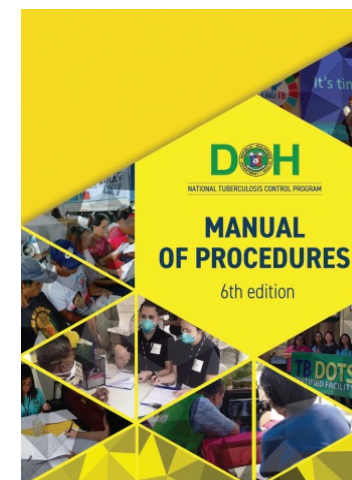
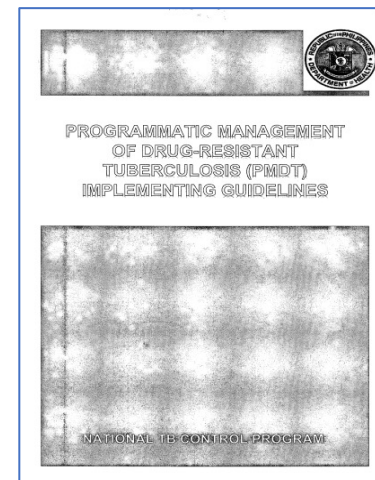
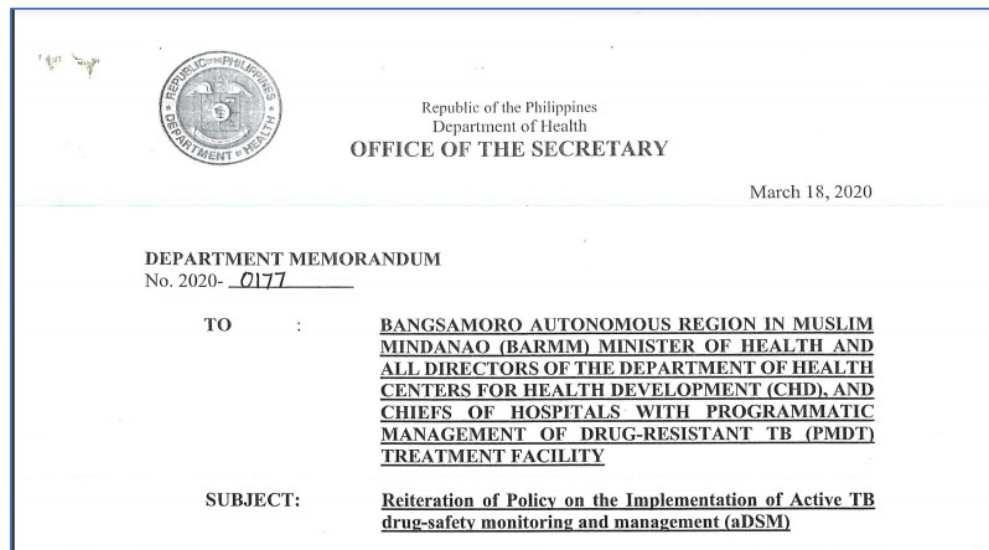
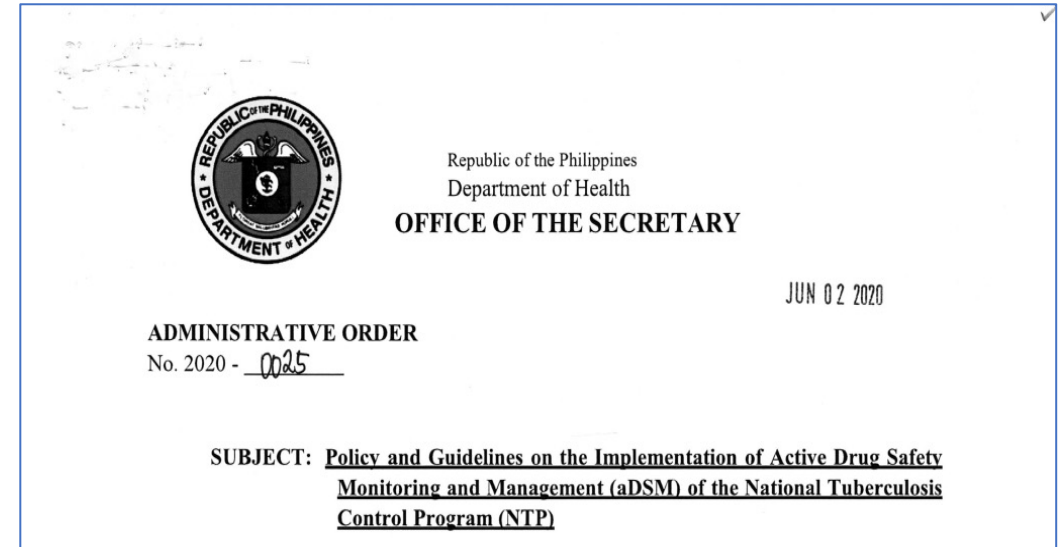
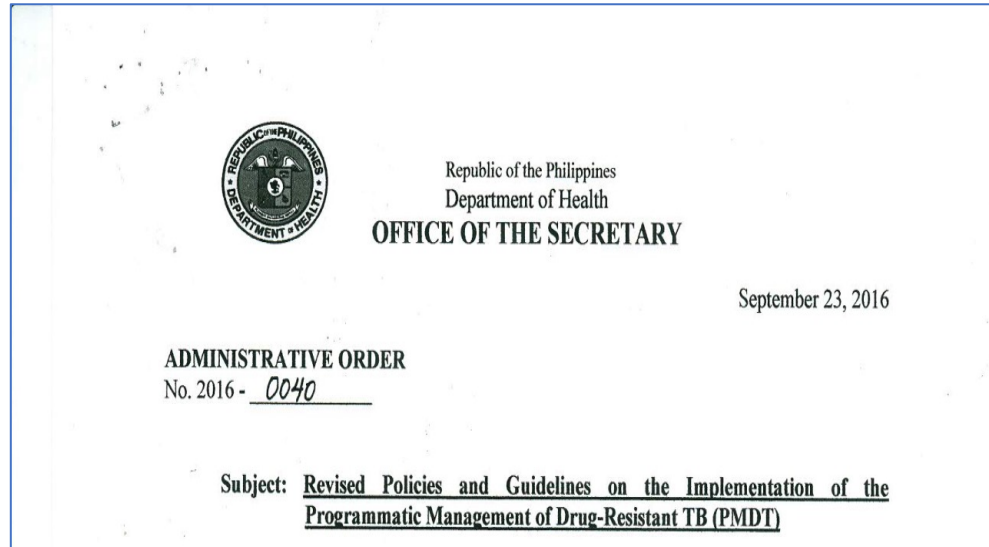
- Establishment of Health Care Provider Network (HCPN) offering full TB care continuum
- Adoption of patient-centered care
- **Strengthen active Drug Safety Monitoring and Management (aDSM)**
- TB-HIV collaboration



Updated PhilSTEP1:  
≥85% TSR  
by 2023



# Policies and Guidelines on aDSM



# aDSM Framework

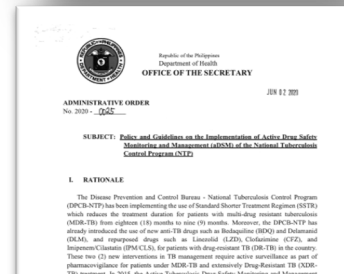
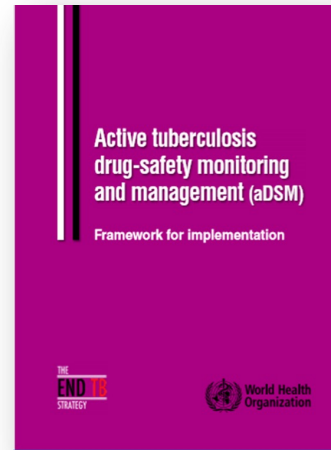
“Active and systematic clinical and laboratory assessment of patients while on treatment”

## Objectives

- To **minimize the risks** associated with treatment
- To **inform future policy and guideline updates** on treatment of TB

## Key Activities

- **Active and systematic clinical and laboratory assessment** during treatment to detect adverse events (AEs)
- **Management of AEs** in a timely manner
- **Systematic collection of standardized data** for AEs



Policy and Guidelines on the Implementation of aDSM of the NTP

## Applicability

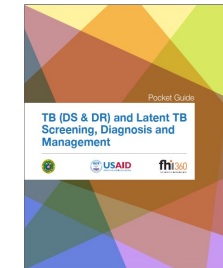
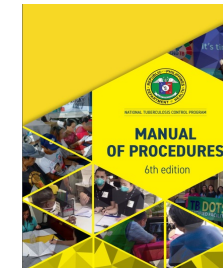
Patients with TB receiving:

- **New anti-TB drugs**
- **Repurposed drugs**
- **Novel regimens**

## Levels of Monitoring



# Essential Activity 1: Active and systematic clinical and laboratory assessment during treatment to detect drug toxicity and AEs



## RR/MDR-TB Treatment Monitoring

### 1. Schedule of baseline and follow-up clinical, laboratory and bacteriologic examination for patients on standard short treatment regimen (SSOR/ SSTR)

Test/Examination	Baseline	Intensive Phase: 4 months, may be extended up to 6 months				Continuation Phase: 5 months					Post-Treatment Follow-up		
		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	P6	P12	
Clinical Evaluation by the PMDT Physician including weight for all and height for children	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Mycobacteriological Tests</b>													
Smear Microscopy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
TB Culture(TBC)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Drug Susceptibility Testing (DST)	✓	If culture remains positive at month 4 of treatment, in case of culture reversion or culture positive during post-treatment follow-up											
First-line and Second-line Line Probe Assay (LPA)	✓	If culture remains positive at month 4 of treatment, in case of culture reversion or culture positive during post-treatment follow-up											
<b>Diagnostic Tests</b>													
Chest X-ray (CXR)	✓					✓						✓	✓
Electrocardiogram (ECG)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Visual Acuity and Color Vision	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Brief Peripheral Neuropathy Screening (BPNS)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
Mental health screening	✓	Monthly if regimen contains Cycloserine (Patient Health Questionnaire-9 or short screening tool may be used)											
Audiometry	✓	Monthly while on injectable (SSTR)											
<b>Blood Chemistry/Hematology/Immunological Tests</b>													
Alanine and Aspartate Transaminase (ALT/AST) *	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Complete Blood Count (CBC)	✓	Monthly if regimen contains Linezolid											
Urea Nitrogen, Creatinine, Fasting Blood Sugar (FBS), Potassium (K)	✓												
Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH)	✓						✓						
HIV Rapid Antibody Test	✓												
Pregnancy Test	✓												

\*If ALT and AST are higher than upper limit of normal value, consider doing total bilirubin test.

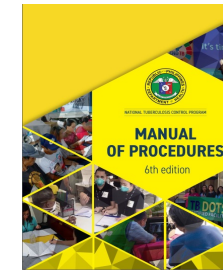
### 2. Schedule of baseline and follow-up Clinical, Laboratory and Bacteriologic Examinations for Patients on 18-20 months treatment regimens

Test/ Examination	Base-line	Intensive Phase: 6 months						Continuation Phase: 12-14 months										Post-Treatment Follow-up							
		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	M11	M12	M13	M14	M15	M16	M17	M18	M19	M20	P6	P12		
Clinical Evaluation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Mycobacteriology Tests</b>																									
Smear Microscopy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
TB Culture(TBC)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓																	✓	✓
DST	✓	If culture remains positive at month 4 of treatment, in case of culture reversion or culture positive during post-treatment follow-up																							
LPA	✓	If culture remains positive at month 4 of treatment, in case of culture reversion or culture positive during post-treatment follow-up																							
<b>Diagnostic Tests</b>																									
CXR	✓						✓																	✓	✓
ECG	✓	Monthly if regimen contains Bedaquiline, Delamanid, Clofazimine and/or Moxifloxacin																							
Visual Acuity and Color Vision	✓	Monthly if regimen contains Linezolid and/or Ethambutol																							
BPNS	✓	Monthly if regimen contains Linezolid, Cycloserine and/or High Dose Isoniazid																							
Audiometry		Baseline and Monthly if regimen contains Amikacin or Streptomycin																							
Mental health screening		Baseline and Monthly if regimen contains Cycloserine (Patient Health Questionnaire-9 or short screening tool may be used)																							
<b>Blood Chemistry/Hematology/Immunological Tests</b>																									
ALT/AST*	✓	Monthly if regimen contains Bedaquiline and/or Pyrazinamide																							
CBC	✓	Monthly if regimen contains Linezolid																							
FBS,	✓																								
Urea Nitrogen, Creatinine, K	✓	Monthly if regimen contains Amikacin or Streptomycin																							
TSH	✓	Every 6 months if regimen contains Prothionamide or Para-aminosalicylic Acid (PAS) Every 3 months if regimen contains both Prothionamide and Para-aminosalicylic Acid (PAS)																							
Albumin		Baseline if regimen contains Delamanid																							
HIV Rapid Antibody Test	✓																								
Pregnancy Test	✓																								

\* If ALT and AST are higher than upper limit of normal value, consider doing total bilirubin test. If regimen contain Bdq+Dlm and/ or Mfx+Ctz, more frequent ECG monitoring, every other week for initial 3 months is recommended.



# Essential Activity 2: Management of AEs in a timely manner



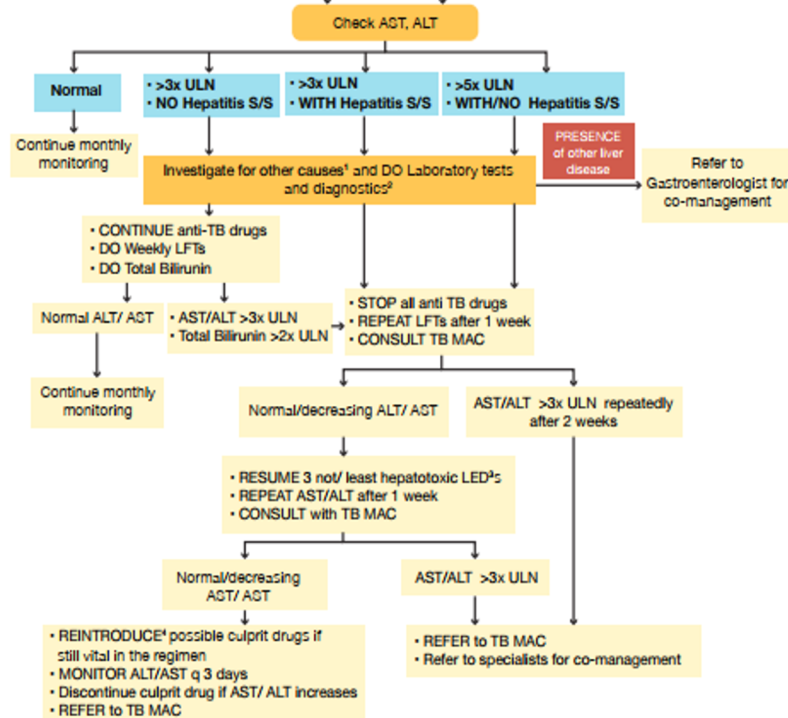
## Management of Hepatotoxicity

Possible Causative anti-TB Drugs: Z, H, R, Pto/ Eto, PAS, Bdq, Cfz, Dlm

### Presence of Hepatitis S/S:

(nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, dark urine, jaundice, pale stool, anorexia) and/or

ALT/ AST done on regular follow up



<sup>1</sup>Alcoholic and Non Alcoholic liver disease, viral hepatitis

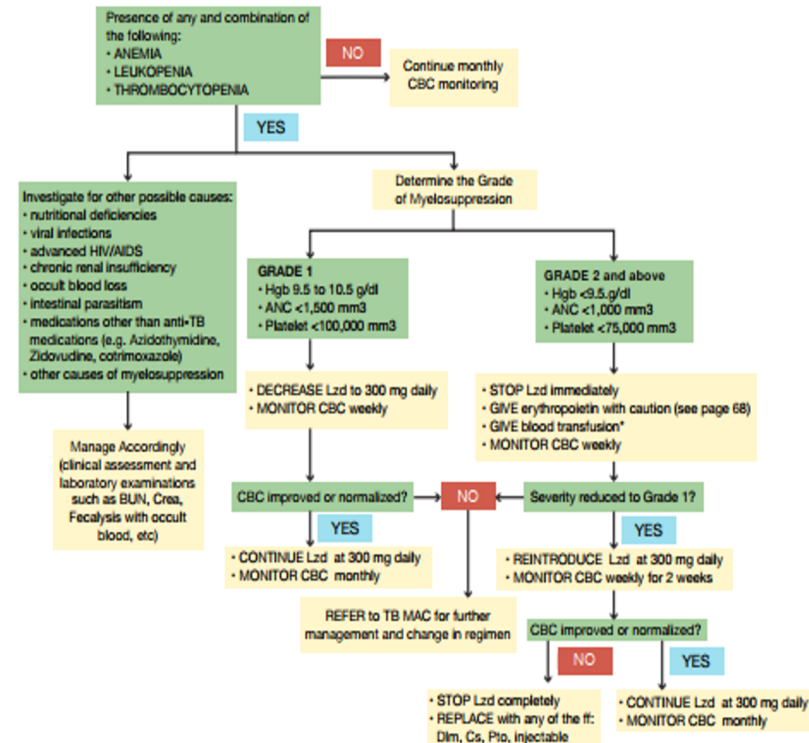
<sup>2</sup>Serology tests for Hep A, Hep B (HbsAg, antiHBC) and Hep C, Hepatobiliary ultrasound, etc.

<sup>3</sup>LED = Likely Effective Drugs

<sup>4</sup>Most hepatotoxic (H,Z,F) drugs will be reintroduced using incremental dose starting with the least culprit drug for 3 days. Repeat AST/ALT q3 days prior to adding another drug.

## Management of Myelosuppression

(Possible causative anti-TB Drug: Lzd)



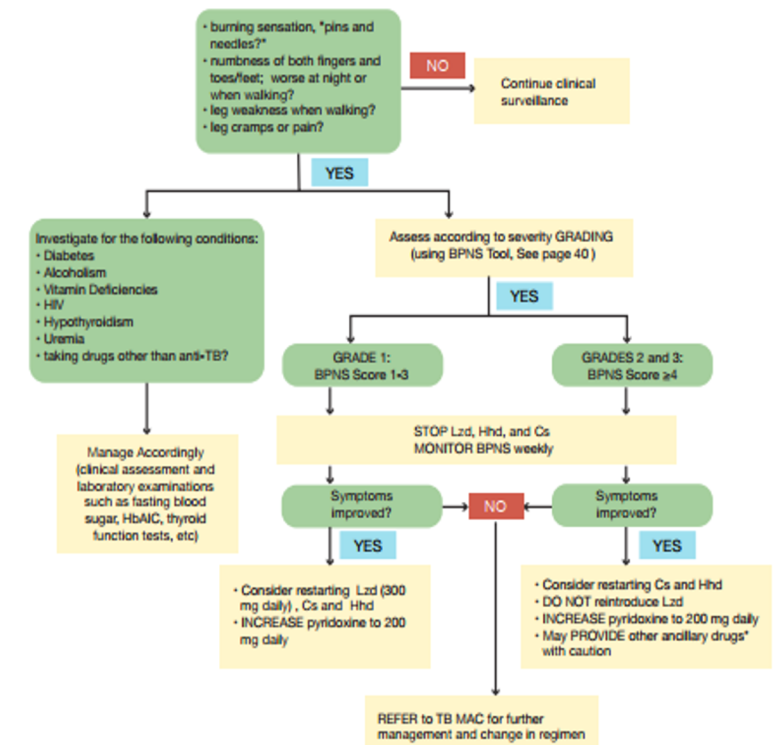
\*Given to severity GRADE 4 (Hb of <6.5 g/dL, ANC <500/mm<sup>3</sup> or and/or platelet count of <20,000/mm<sup>3</sup>)

Note: Absolute Neutrophilic Count (ANC) = 10 x WBC count in 1000s x (% PMNs + bands)

The following web application may be used to compute for ANC: Calculate by QxMD; MDCalc Medical Calc; Medscape App

## Management of Peripheral Neuropathy

(Possible causative anti-TB Drugs: Lzd, H, Cs, S, Am, Lfx, Mfx)



\*Other ancillary drugs

• Gabapentin 300 mg daily

• Amitriptyline 25 mg at bedtime (for adult only); use with caution if with cardiac, hepatic, renal and thyroid pathology; avoid concomitant use with Lzd due to concern of Serotonin Syndrome

Note: Peripheral neuropathy may be irreversible. However, many patients experience improvement when offending drugs are suspended, especially if the symptoms are mild.

# Essential Activity 3: Systematic collection and reporting of standardized data for SAE and AESI

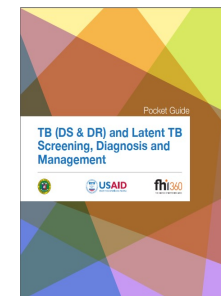
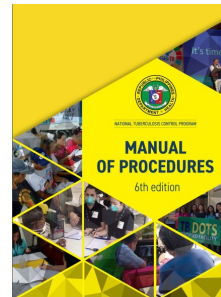
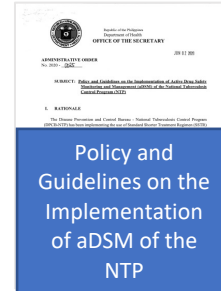
## What to Report

**Serious AE** – Any untoward medical occurrence that at any dose:

- Results in death
- Is life threatening
- Requires inpatient hospitalization or results in prolongation of existing hospitalization
- Results in persistent disability/incapacity
- Is a congenital anomaly/birth defect
- AEs that do not immediately result in one of these outcomes, but which require an intervention to prevent a serious outcome are included

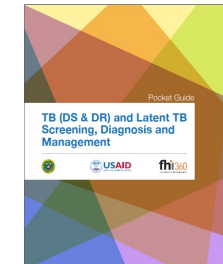
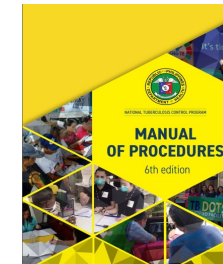
## AEs of Special Interest

- Acute kidney injury
- Hepatitis
- Hypokalemia
- Myelosuppression
- Optic Nerve Disorder
- Ototoxicity
- Pancreatitis
- Peripheral Neuropathy
- Prolonged QT interval (using Fridericia Formula)
- Psychiatric Disorders and CNS toxicity





# Essential Activity 3: Systematic collection and reporting of standardized data for SAE and AESI



## How to Report

National TB Control Program (NTP)  
Form 4. TB/IPT Treatment Card

Treatment Facility (Name & Region): \_\_\_\_\_ Treatment Site/Partner (Name, Type & City/Province): \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] FB [ ] CB [ ] Date Transferred (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

Diagnosis: [ ] (Active) TB [ ] Latent TB Infection Treatment Regimen: [ ] IPT [ ] Category I [ ] Category Ia [ ] Short [ ] Conventional specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name (SURNAME, First & Middle): \_\_\_\_\_ TB Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Registration (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_ Treatment Start Date (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex (M/F): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_ Height (cm): \_\_\_\_\_ Initial Weight (kg): \_\_\_\_\_ Civil Status: \_\_\_\_\_ PhilHealth Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Class: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Indigent

Permanent Address (House No., Street, Barangay, City/Municipality, Province, Region & Zip Code): \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Numbers/ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address (House No., Street, Barangay, City/Municipality, Province, Region & Zip Code): \_\_\_\_\_ Person to notify in case of emergency, relationship & contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

If (Active) TB:  
Anatomical Site: [ ] Pulmonary [ ] Extra-pulmonary  
TB Bacteriological Status: [ ] Bacteriologically-confirmed [ ] Clinically-diagnosed  
DR-TB Bacteriological Status: [ ] BC RR-TB [ ] BC MDR-TB [ ] BC XDR-TB [ ] CD MDR-TB [ ] Other DR-TB  
Registration Group: [ ] New [ ] Relapse [ ] Treatment After Failure [ ] Treatment After Loss to Follow-up [ ] Previous Treatment Outcome Unknown [ ] Others  
Risk Factors for TB: [ ] None [ ] Contact of a Confirmed TB DR-TB Case [ ] PLHIV with S/S Suggestive of TB [ ] Other: \_\_\_\_\_

History of TB Treatment: [ ] None [ ] FLD Only [ ] FLD and SLD  
Date Treatment Started: \_\_\_\_\_ Treatment Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Anti-TB Drugs & Duration: \_\_\_\_\_ Outcome: \_\_\_\_\_  
earliest \_\_\_\_\_ latest \_\_\_\_\_

Treatment Outcome: [ ] Cured [ ] Completed [ ] Failed [ ] Died [ ] Lost to Follow-up [ ] Excluded Reason: \_\_\_\_\_ Outcome Date (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

NTP TB Treatment Card

SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS FORM v 5 (4/2012)  
"Saving Lives Through Vigilant Reporting"  
\*FIELDS MUST BE COMPLETED.

For FDA use only  
ADR No. 2012-0001  
Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ All reports are confidential.

**PATIENT'S PARTICULARS**

\*Patient's Name or Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ \* Sex:  Male  Female Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Kg Height (cm): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address or Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy): \_\_\_\_\_  
Medical History/Admitting Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnic group:  Filipino  Chinese  Caucasian  
Any Known Allergy:  No  Yes, Specify: \_\_\_\_\_ Pregnancy Status: \_\_\_\_\_ No  
Hospital/Facility, if admitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester)

**\*DETAILS OF THE ADVERSE REACTION**

Date of onset: \_\_\_\_\_ AM \_\_\_\_\_ PM Do you consider the reaction to be serious?  Yes, if yes indicate why:  No  
Describe the reaction, including pertinent laboratory data:  
 Patient died due to reaction  
 Involved or prolonged in-patient hospitalization  
 Life threatening  
 Involves permanent or significant disability  
 Congenital anomaly in the newborn  
 Other (Indicate nature of details)

Can this be due to Medication Error?  No  
 Yes, if yes, which type:  
\_\_\_\_ Prescribing  
\_\_\_\_ Transcription  
\_\_\_\_ Dispensing  
\_\_\_\_ Administration

Can the adverse reaction be due to:  
1. Product quality defect: \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, Specify, encircle: color change; odour; powdering; clumping; odor change; defective container; contaminants; separation of components; undissolved suspension/powder  
2. Therapeutic failure: \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, Specify, encircle: antimicrobial resistance; drug interaction; poor compliance; counterfeit; expired; improper storage; under-dosing; inappropriate medication; inappropriate route of administration; excipients/preservatives

Suspected drug product(s) Indicate brand name	Daily Dose	Route	Date started	Date stopped	Reason(s) for using the product	Manufacturer and Batch/Lot #

List all other drugs taken at the same time and/or 2 months before, if none, check box.  No other drugs taken

Brand name of the drug	Daily Dose	Route	Date started	Date stopped	Reasons for using the drug	Manufacturer and Batch & Lot No.

**\*MANAGEMENT OF ADVERSE REACTION**

Was treatment given?  No  Yes (if yes, please specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
Outcome:  Recovered (Date of recovery): \_\_\_\_\_  Unrecovered Other diseases: \_\_\_\_\_ liver \_\_\_\_\_ renal \_\_\_\_\_ HPN  
 Fatal (Date of death): \_\_\_\_\_  Unknown Diabetes \_\_\_\_\_ CVS \_\_\_\_\_ Endocrine \_\_\_\_\_ Cancer  
Sequelae: (any permanent complications or injuries as a result of the ADR) Re-challenge?  Yes Result: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_  No  Unknown  No

**\*REPORTER'S PARTICULARS**

\*Printed Name of Reporter: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Contact no.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of reporter: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date reported (mm/dd/yy): \_\_\_\_\_ \*Profession: MD \_\_\_\_\_ RN \_\_\_\_\_ PHN \_\_\_\_\_ Patient \_\_\_\_\_ Dental \_\_\_\_\_ other  
\*Facility: Clinic \_\_\_\_\_ Trial site \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**FDA** National Pharmacovigilance Center  
"Saving Lives Through Vigilant Reporting"  
Send completed forms to: ADR Unit, FDA, Civic Drive, Taguig City, Alabang, Muntinlup, J781.  
Or fax to: (02) 875-11, via the ADR Unit. Send sample, if any, of suspect drug for analysis.  
Website: www.fda.gov.ph

FDA Suspected Adverse Drug Reactions Form



Pharmacovigilance Monitoring System

# Essential Activity 3: Systematic collection and reporting of standardized data for SAE and AESI

## When and Where to Report

Within 2 working days from receipt of information of SAE or AESI

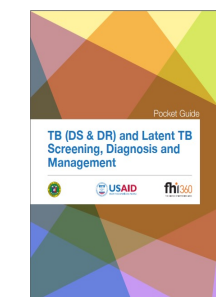
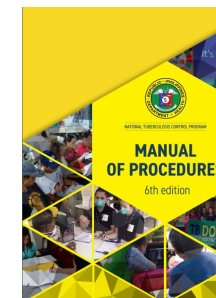
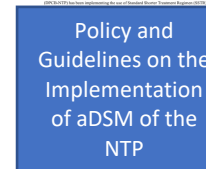
Submit accomplished ADR reports to:

**Subject : SAE and AESI Reporting**

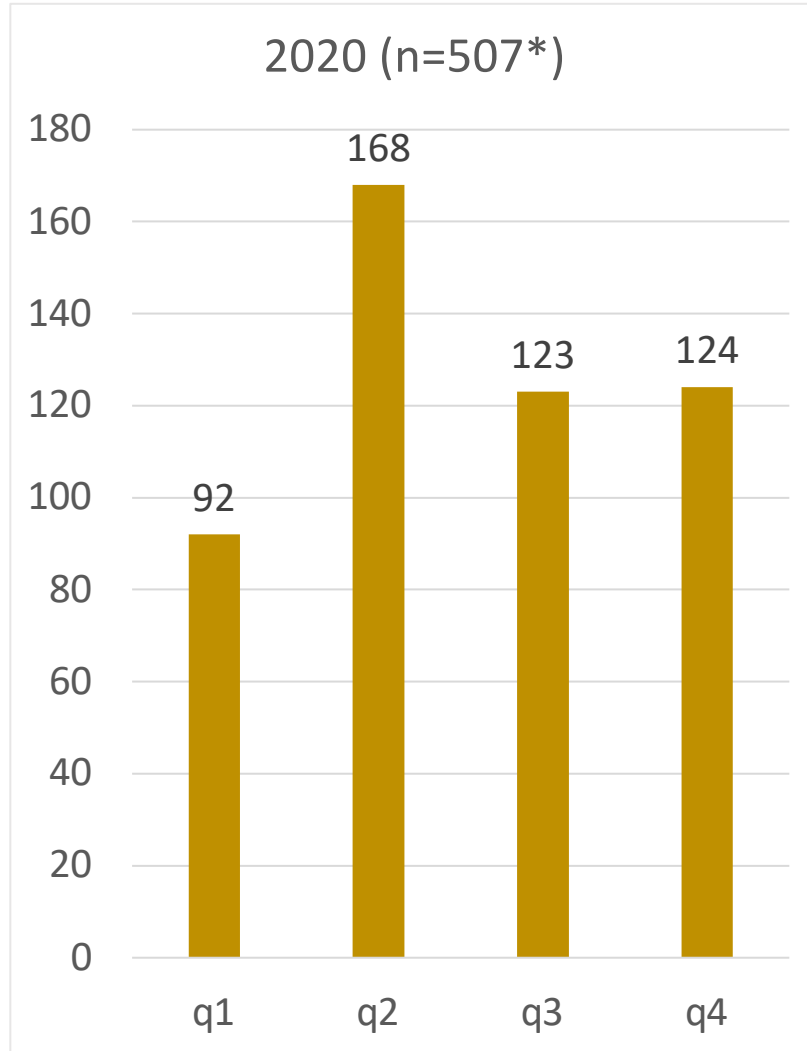
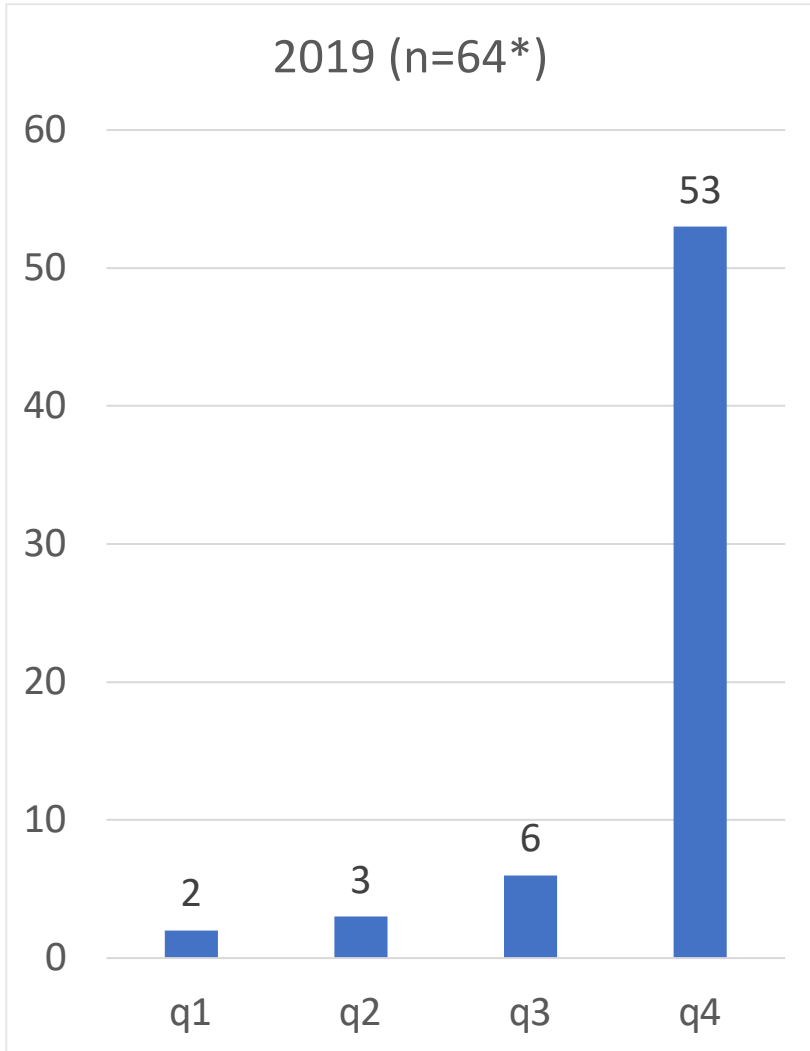
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# Report Submission per Quarter, 2019-2020



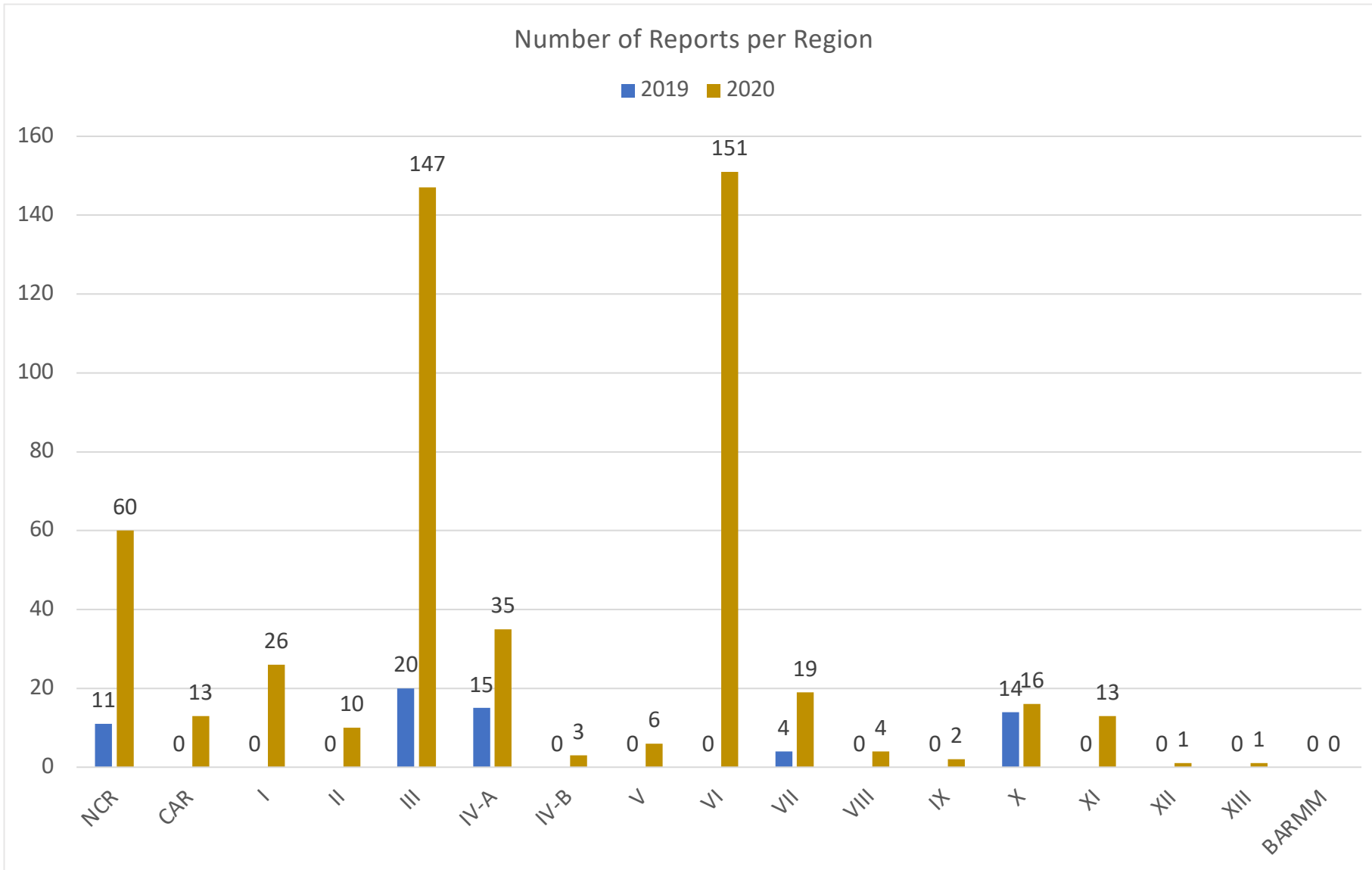
## Key Findings:

- Individual cases reported during year 2019 and 2020 show **substantial increase of reported cases**
- Total individual case report forms submitted
  - **2019: 64**
  - **2020: 507**

\*Individual Case Report Forms

Source of Data: NTP Excel File of Reports Received

# Regional Coverage of Reported Cases, 2019-2020

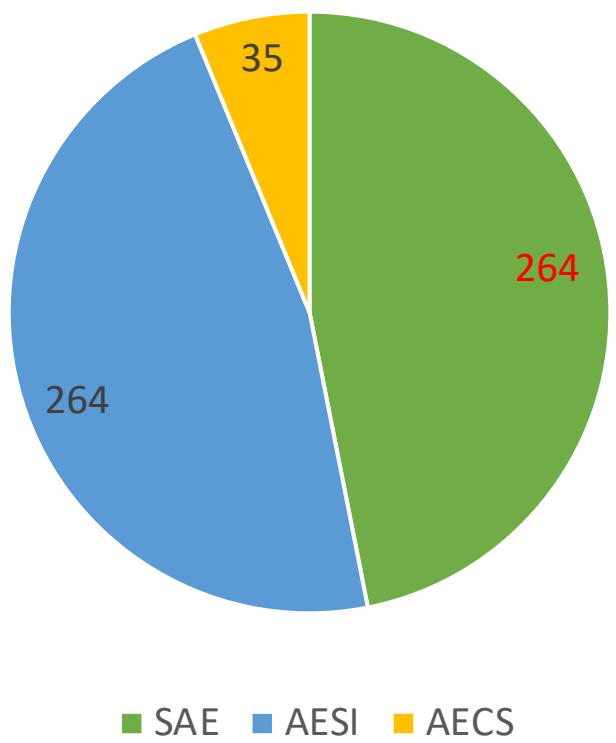


## Key Findings:

- **Increasing regional trend** of reported cases
- **Regional coverage increased** from 5 (2019) to 16 (2020) regions
- Regions VI, III NCR, and IV-A constituted majority of the reported cases

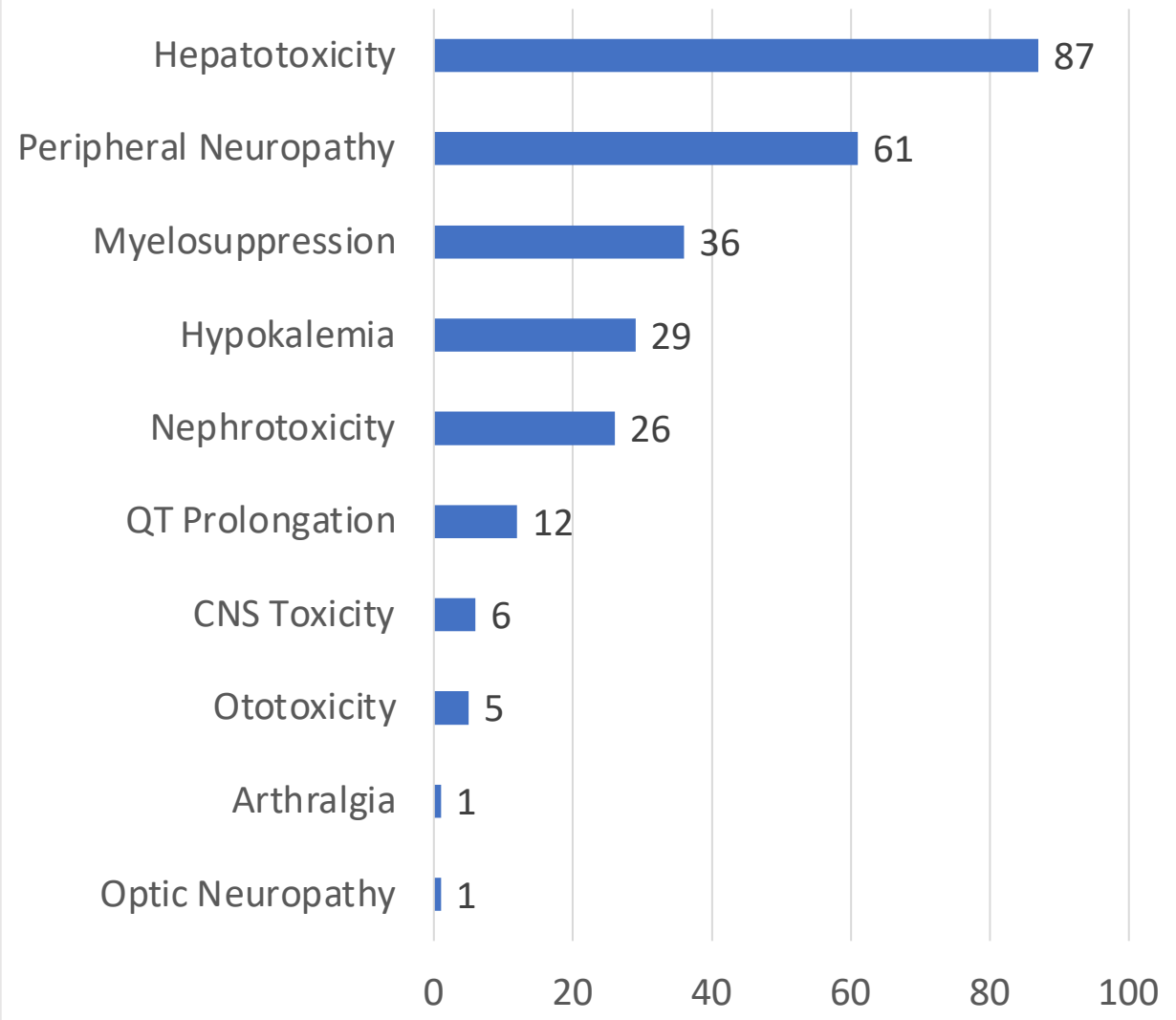
# Breakdown of Adverse Events, 2020

By Category of AE (n=563)



Note: May change after initial causality assessment exercise

By Type of AESI (n=264)



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THANK YOU

A graphic illustration where the words "THANK YOU" are formed by large, colorful, outlined letters. Each letter is held up by a hand of a different person, representing diversity. The letters are: T (teal), H (yellow), A (blue), N (pink), K (purple), Y (teal), O (yellow), and U (pink). The hands are of various skin tones and are wearing different clothing and accessories like watches and bracelets. The background is a solid light blue.