

Children Contacting with Smear Positive Tuberculosis Patients

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DEAR EDITOR,

I read the recent publication on children contacting with smear positive tuberculosis patients with great interest.^[1] Aminzadeh *et al.* concluded that the 'Strategy of six months of supervised isonicotinyhydrazine (INH) chemoprophylaxis is successful, particularly in children who are at high risk to progress to the disease, following exposure.^[1] I agree with the usefulness and effectiveness of such a practice. However, I am concerned about the possible side effects of chemoprophylaxis on

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the children. A further cost-benefit weighting study is warranted.

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