



# *PANEL: LEGAL ROLE OF THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN TB PREVENTION*

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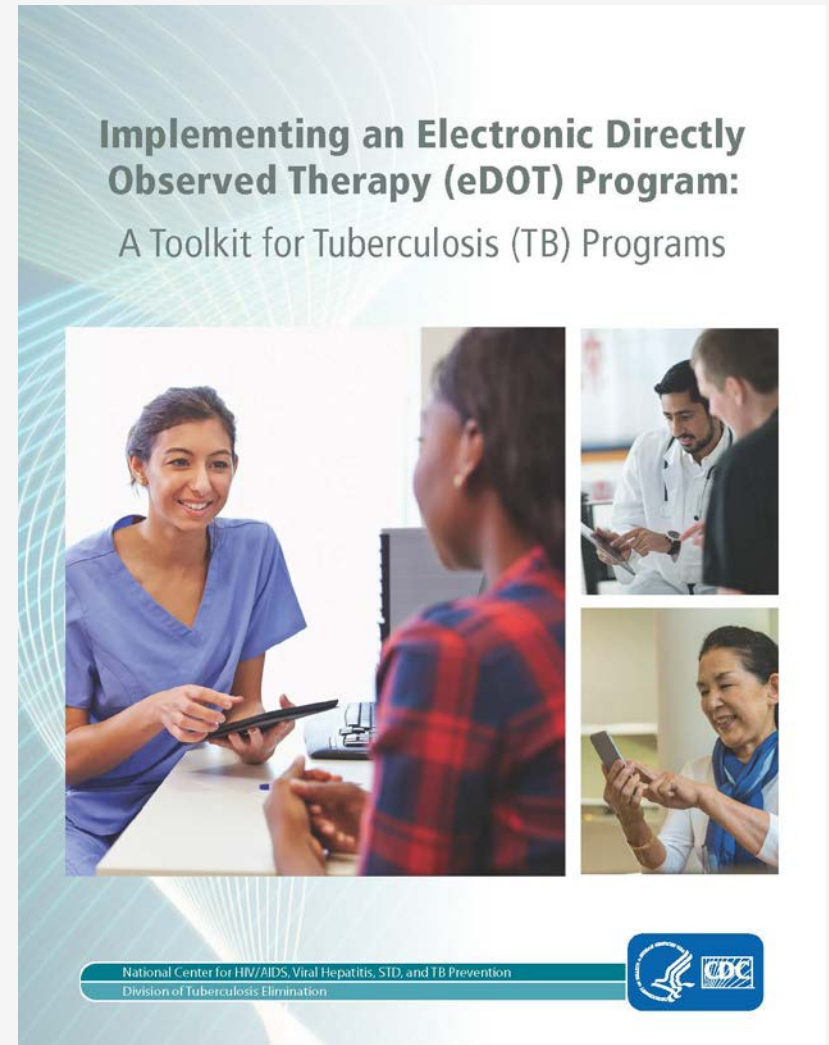
Does the CDC endorse or support the use of electronic forms of DOT (e.g., video DOT, Skype)?

Are there any legal or HIPAA requirements related to these nontraditional forms of DOT?

# *eDOT Resources*

MDHHS eDOT Resource Sheet (available in conference resource packet and online)

- Guidelines
- Implementation & protocols
- Templates
- Michigan examples



Is DOT required for LTBI clients?

If so, how often must the nurse contact the LTBI client?

# *LTBI Treatment Regimens and DOT*

Drugs	Duration	Interval	Comments
Isoniazid	9 months	Daily	Preferred treatment for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Persons living with HIV</li> <li>• Children aged 2-11</li> <li>• Pregnant Women</li> </ul>
		Twice weekly*	Preferred treatment for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pregnant Women</li> </ul>
	6 months	Daily	
		Twice weekly*	
Isoniazid & Rifapentine	3 months	Once weekly*	Treatment for persons 12 years or older <b>Not</b> recommended for persons who are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Younger than 2 years old</li> <li>• Living with HIV/AIDS taking antiretroviral treatment</li> <li>• Presumed infected with INH or RIF-resistant <i>M. tb</i></li> <li>• Women who are pregnant or expect to become pregnant within the 12-week regimen</li> </ul>
Rifampin	4 months	Daily	

\*use as DOT

If a known pulmonary TB client is incarcerated, what obligation does the jail have in notifying the health department that the client is incarcerated?

What if the jail releases the client without notifying the health department?

What are the health department's legal requirements for TB control?

What are the roles of the Medical Director, TB nurses, and Health officer in TB control and LTBI management?

*Michigan  
Administrative  
Code:*

*Office of Regulatory  
Reinvention*

- **R 325.13001** Definitions

Qualifications:

- **R 325.13002** Medical health officer
- **R 325.13003** Administrative health officer
- **R 325.13004** Medical director

Requirements:

- **R 325.13004a** Medical director

[http://dmbinternet.state.mi.us/DMB/ORRDocs/AdminCode/385\\_10361\\_AdminCode.pdf](http://dmbinternet.state.mi.us/DMB/ORRDocs/AdminCode/385_10361_AdminCode.pdf)



What are the county's legal responsibilities to patients who have secondary health problems related to their TB disease? For example, our client had miliary TB and meningitis, and how has possible nerve-related damage.

What are the health department's financial obligations to assure clients receive needed care if they are uninsured or have a high deductible/copay?

Are there any measures a health department can take to compel an infectious index case to identify contacts?