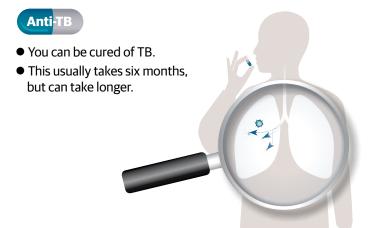
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## Treatment for TB and HIV

If tuberculosis (TB) is making you ill and you also have HIV, then you usually need to take treatment for both TB and HIV.

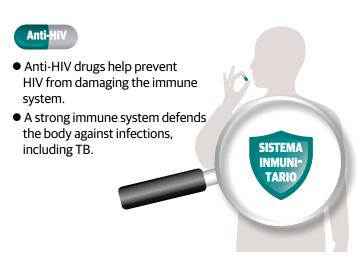
With TB treatment, you can get rid of the bacteria that cause TB.



Some people start
TB treatment first,
then start taking
anti-HIV drugs
a few weeks or
months later.



With HIV treatment, you reduce the risk of being infected with TB again in the future.



Some people need to start both treatments at the same time.

 It depends on how urgently you need HIV treatment.



## **Important points**

- You can kill the TB bacteria with TB drugs.
- You can make your immune system stronger with HIV drugs. This will help prevent you catching TB again in the future.

## **Notes**

For both TB and HIV treatment, **it's very important to take all doses of your drugs, as prescribed**. After several weeks of treatment, you may feel better, but there will still be TB and HIV in your body. If you stop taking your treatment, you may become ill again. These drugs **can cause side-effects**, particularly when they are taken together.



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