
Table 1 Outcome definitions in smear-positive tuberculosis patients [1]

Outcome	Outcome definition
Cured	Patient who is sputum smear-negative in the last month of treatment and on at least 1 previous occasion.
Treatment completed	Patient who has completed treatment but who does not meet the criteria to be classified as a cure or a failure.
Treatment failure	Patient who is sputum smear-positive at 5 months or later during treatment.
Died	Patient who dies for any reason during the course of treatment.
Defaulted	Patient whose treatment was interrupted for 2 consecutive months or more.
Transferred out	Patient who has been transferred to another recording and reporting unit and for whom the treatment outcome is not known.
