



Emerging infections and paediatric emergencies in Timor-Leste

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Tuberculosis frequently affects children in endemic settings. Diagnosis of paediatric TB is challenging, leading to under-recognition and delayed diagnosis in many settings. The estimated incidence of TB in Timor-Leste is among the highest in the world, but children are under-represented in national notification data. Diagnostic capacity is limited in Timor-Leste, and improved case finding and use of investigations to optimise diagnostic clarity are needed. Strategies for prevention of TB in children include BCG vaccination for infants, as well as isoniazid preventive therapy for young children at risk of latent TB infection. Implementation of these strategies is occurring in Timor-Leste, with opportunity for further improvement.