

## **Rifampicin-resistant TB update**

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TB surveillance is currently going well in Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital where the pilot started in September 2012. We have since initiated three (3) more sites – Nelson Mandela Academic / Umtata General Hospital, Kimberley Hospital and Rob Ferreira Hospital. We already have approval for Limpopo and busy working on North West provincial permissions. All the new sites have identified rifampicin-resistant TB cases and Surveillance Officers are working well with both hospital and clinic personnel.

Sites need to work hard in identifying new cases in the laboratory patients before they are transferred to the TB hospital as its difficult at times to follow up these patients and SOs need to ensure that they also get alerts for hospitalised cases.