

WorldTBDay2003



"I stopped taking the drugs after three months. Eight months later, I started to have the TB symptoms again. DOTS helped me ensure my intake of drugs for the second treatment. I would not have done it by myself."

.. Nobuo Osawa, Japan

Staying the course

Patients without supervision will often drop out of treatment when they feel better. This is very dangerous because the TB bacteria have not been completely eliminated.

This can cause the bacteria to become resistant to drugs. Multidrug-resistant strains of TB are far more difficult to treat and may not even be treatable.



**"DOTS cured me -
it will cure you too!"**