



Should the private sector treat TB?

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PRIVATE PRACTICE



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YES, WE CAN!

WHY?

- ▶ Requirements for a TB programme:
 - Accurate diagnosis
 - Appropriate treatment (appropriate dose, period and guarantee availability)
 - Notify accordingly



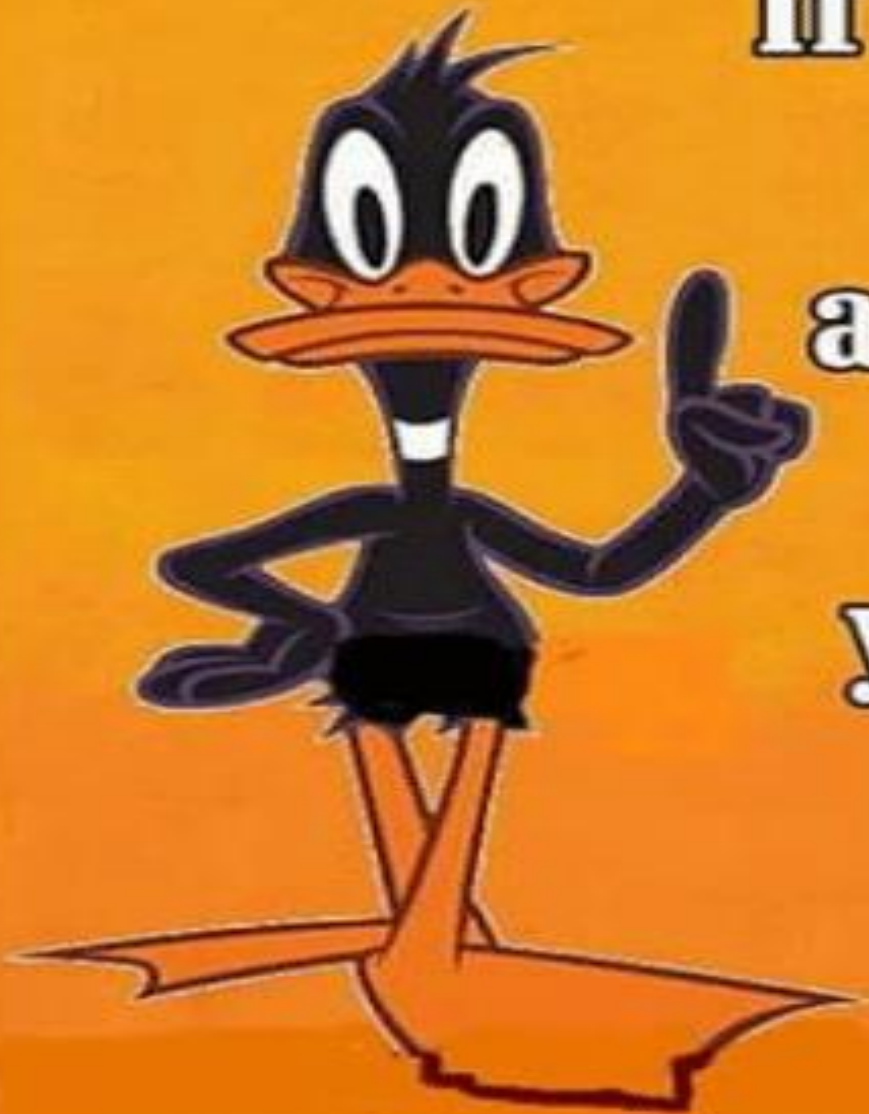
Accurate diagnosis

Clinical suspicion

If it walks like a duck, sounds like
a duck and looks
like a
duck...chances
are, it's probably a
duck.

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If it walks like
a duck
and talks like
a duck,
you're drunk.
Ducks don't
talk.



If it looks like TB (results of special investigations), sounds like TB (history), talks like TB....

It could be:

Lymphoma

Sarcoid

MOTT

Syphilis

Non-benign lesions

Fungus

Accurate diagnosis

- ▶ Radiology: CXR, U/S abdomen, CT
- ▶ Pathology: Sputum, urine, FNAB, LN biopsy, bloods

Waiting times in private vs public

Appropriate treatment

- ▶ Weight
- ▶ Availability (if not in stock, will be available within 24hrs)
- ▶ Challenge is availability of Rifinah (consequence)



Notify accordingly

Supply results on which diagnosis was
made and accompanying
ICD 10 code

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CAN THE PRIVATE SECTOR DO IT?

We are already doing this...

- ▶ DM
- ▶ HT
- ▶ Other chronic diseases
- ▶ HIV



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- ▶ Availability of protocols – conforming to protocols
- ▶ Availability of technology – live sites, scanners, emails
- ▶ Availability of human resources – call centre, case managers, medical officers/experts



WHAT EXACTLY IS THE ADVANTAGE OF PUBLIC SECTOR?

DOTS?

- ▶ Directly Observed Treatment Short course
- ▶ Who does DOTS?

Clinic sister 

Relatives/co-habitors

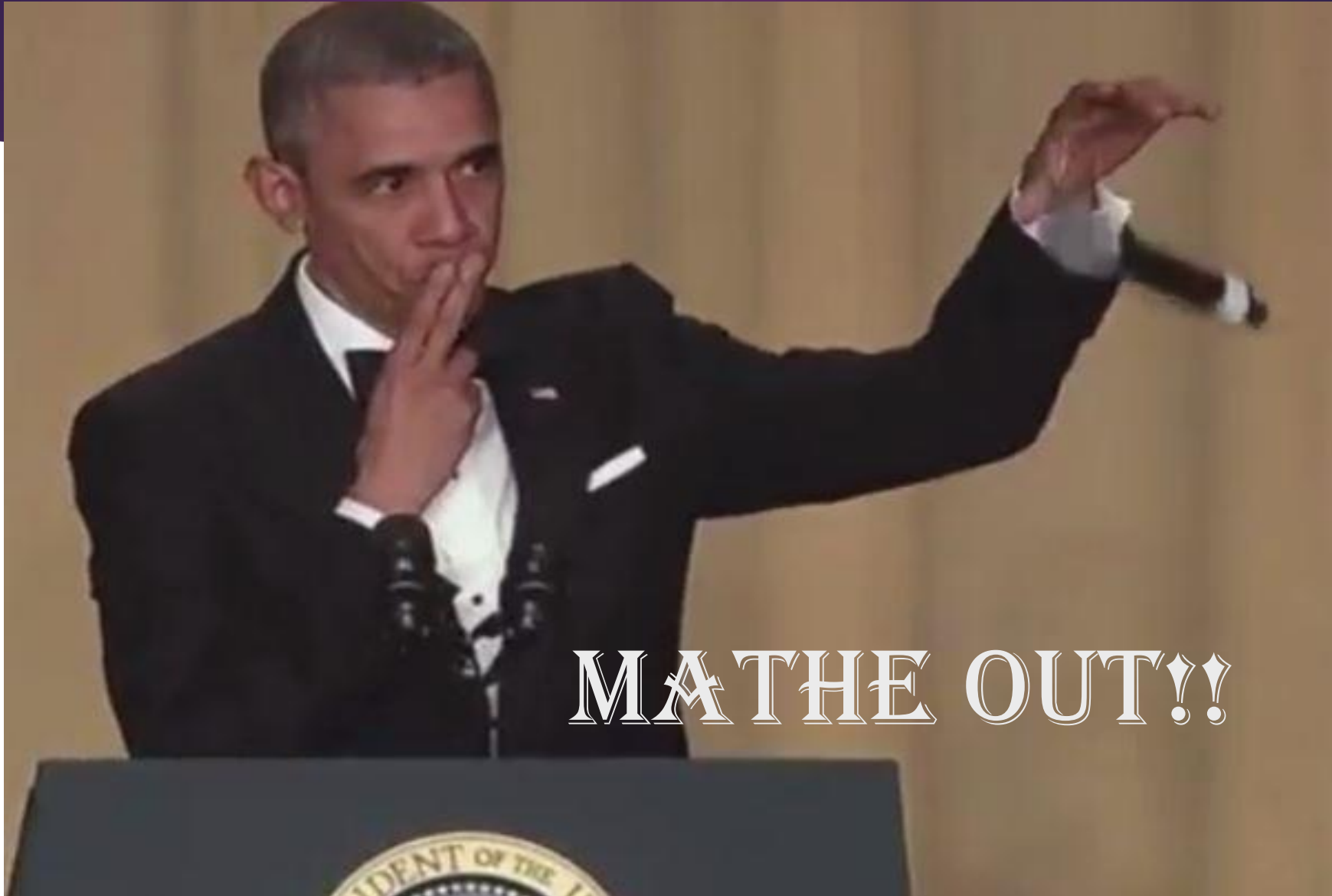
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WHAT EXACTLY IS THE DISADVANTAGE OF PRIVATE
SECTOR?

PRIVATE SECTOR

- ▶ Can we make an accurate diagnosis? ✓
- ▶ Can we give appropriate treatment? ✓
- ▶ Can we notify? ✓



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