



TB SOUP



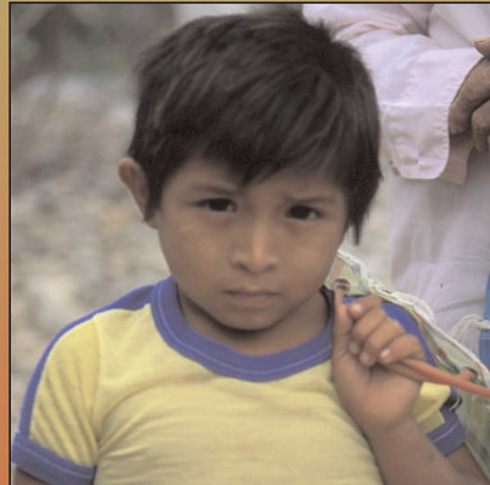
THE RECIPE TO MAINTAIN AND INCREASE TUBERCULOSIS

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Tuberculosis is a disease that has prevailed through the centuries in indigent populations. Today, at the beginning of the 21st century we still follow the old recipe that favors a culture of separation between the people who have the disease and those who treat it.

Ingredients:

1 drug sensitive and 1 drug resistant Mycobacteria
40 oz. Mobile population without health insurance
50 oz. Lack of access to care and patient education
90 oz. Fragmented and costly medical system
90 oz. Narrow vision of the problem
50 oz. Barriers to communication
50 oz. Cultural ignorance
50 oz. Poverty and isolation
½ cup of HIV
1 tbsp. Alcohol and drugs
1 tbsp. of Diabetes
½ cup of Malnutrition
½ cup Stress
a dash of Racism and discrimination
a dash of Negligence



Preparation:

- 1- Mix the drug sensitive and drug resistant mycobacteria with a mobile population without health insurance, with a lack of access to care and patient education, who do not understand the medical provider's language, with a fragmented health system and a narrow vision of the problem.
- 2- Add the medical provider's ignorance about the patient's culture and medical history.
- 3- Add the patient's ignorance about the medical system and the disease.
- 4- Fold in, slowly, all the diseases and conditions associated with TB: alcohol, drugs, malnutrition, diabetes and stress.
- 5- Mix it all with negligence, racism and discrimination and pour into a container decorated with the thorns of poverty and isolation.
- 6- Serve cold, thinking only of statistics and forget those who are personally affected by it.