



Acronym	ptbnet
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The **ptbnet** was established in 2009. It works in close collaborations with the TBnet, which focuses on adult TB and is also supported by ESPID and the European pediatric infectious diseases network (PentID). The ptbnet currently comprises over 100 pediatric clinicians, scientists and epidemiologists from 23 countries within Europe.

The aims of the network are:

- to enhance the understanding of the paediatric aspects of active and latent tuberculosis
- to facilitate collaborative research studies for childhood TB in Europe
- to provide expert opinion through excellence in science and teaching
- to harmonise health care delivery/approaches within Europe
- to establish an evidence base for diagnosis and treatment of TB in children

The group has annual meetings and has set up a shared database system, which will serve to gather information on difficult management decisions in paediatric TB, such as MDR TB. The networks hopes to ultimately facilitate clinical trials amongst its members.

We have also set up a ptbnet members' forum via a google group e-mail address where we regularly discuss cases and exchange information relevant to pediatric TB, including meeting reports, guideline and practice discussions. Each country has a dedicated representative who can be contacted by prospective new members who might wish to join. The full membership list and contact details are available upon request.