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After decades of decline, an unprecedented resurgence in tuberculosis occurred in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Deterioration of tuberculosis program infrastructure, the HIV/AIDS epidemic, drug-resistant tuberculosis, and tuberculosis among foreign-born persons contributed to the resurgence. Since then, tuberculosis case numbers have declined, but the decline in 2003 was the smallest since the resurgence. Key challenges remain, and efforts must focus on identifying and targeting interventions for high-risk populations, active involvement in the global effort against tuberculosis, developing new tools, and maintaining adequate resources.

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New Drugs for Tuberculosis: Current Status and Future Prospects

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The Global Alliance for Tuberculosis Drug Development—Accomplishments and Future Directions

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The Global Alliance for Tuberculosis Drug Development (TB Alliance) aims to stop the spread of tuberculosis by developing new, faster-acting, and affordable tuberculosis drugs. The TB Alliance is a public–private partnership, a not-for-profit enterprise, that draws upon the resources of both private and public institutions to help address this urgent health need. This article summarizes some of the achievements of the TB Alliance to date and outlines potential future directions.

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