

- Relapse of TB in patients who have had previous treatment is possible. Many times, such patients are considered as new patients. The record of previous treatment should be made known to the health facility where the patient presents for re-treatment so that a different drug regimen may be prescribed.

Precautions for Anti-TB Treatment among Pregnant Women

- Women in child bearing age should be counselled to avoid pregnancy while on anti-TB treatment and at least six months after.
- The effect of oral contraceptives is reduced by medicines and hence, other methods of contraception should be advocated.
- One of the TB drugs, Streptomycin, *should not be* given in the first trimester of pregnancy.

