

# Βιολογικοί Παράγοντες και Λοιμώξεις

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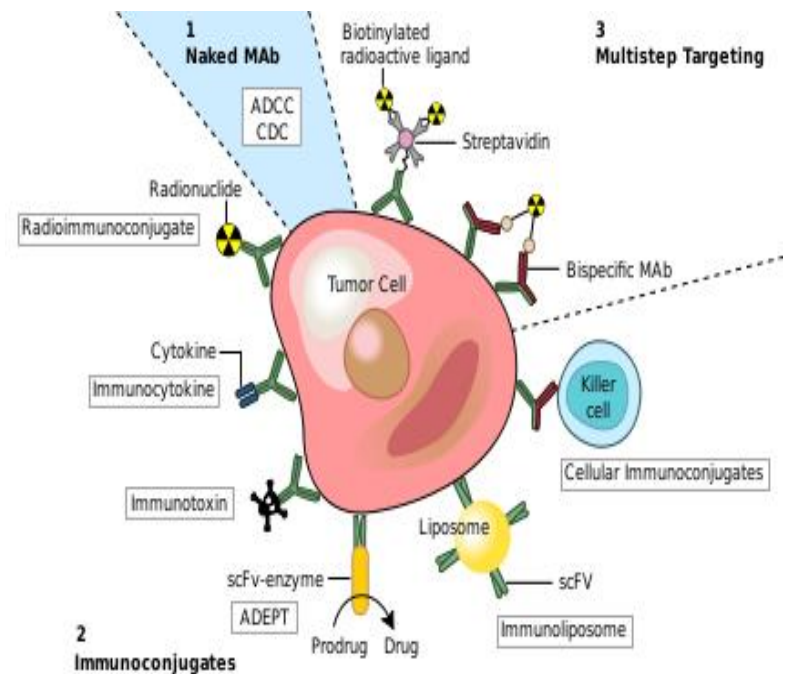
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## Monoclonal antibodies (mAb or moAb)

- ✓ Monospecific antibodies
- ✓ Made by identical immune cells that are all clones of a unique parent cell
- ✓ Typically made by fusing myeloma cells with the spleen cells
- ✓ Recent advances have allowed the use
  - rabbit B-cells to form a rabbit hybridoma
  - viruses or yeasts to create recombinant monoclonal antibodies



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Biological agent	Mechanism of action
Infliximab, Adalimumab Etanercept Ustekinumab, Briakinumab	Anti-TNF Neutralizes TNF Anti-IL-12/IL-23 (p40 subunit)
Infliximab, Adalimumab	Anti-TNF
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Omalizumab Mepolizumab	Anti-IgE Anti-IL-5
Teplizumab, Otelixizumab	Non-activating anti-CD3
Anakinra	Recombinant IL-1 receptor antagonist
Interferon $\beta$ Natalizumab Rituximab Alemtuzumab	Immunoregulatory Anti- $\alpha$ 4 integrin B-cell depletion (anti-CD20) Lymphocyte depletion (anti-CD52)

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- ★ Have changed the outcome of
  - rheumatoid arthritis and lymphoma
- ★ mAbs → interaction with an antigen of immune and hematologic target leading to
  - blockade or reduction of effector cell function
  - depletion of B or T lymphocytes
  - inhibition of key intracellular and
  - cytokine interactions

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- ✓ Increasingly used
- ✓ Therapeutic option for otherwise refractory non- rheumatic disease
- ✓ Provide proof-of-concept for proposed mechanisms of immunopathology

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## mAbs για μη ρευματοειδείς νόσους

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Disease	Biological agent
Psoriasis	Infliximab, Adalimumab, Etanercept, Ustekinumab, Briakinumab
Inflammatory bowel disease	Infliximab, Adalimumab
Uveitis	Infliximab, Adalimumab
Asthma	Omalizumab , Mepolizumab
Type 1 diabetes mellitus	Teplizumab, Otelixizumab
Type 2 diabetes mellitus	Anakinra
Multiple sclerosis	Interferon-β, Natalizumab, Rituximab Alemtuzumab

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## mAbs – Παράδοξα φαινόμενα

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- ✓ Worsening of heart failure
- ✓ Occasional induction of psoriasis
- ✓ Uveitis during tumor necrosis factor blockade

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## Λοιμώξεις

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- Deleterious and costly
- Intensity of immune downregulation
- Monitoring mediators of innate and adaptive immune responses
  - abnormalities of memory B-cell distribution poor outcome in common variable immunodeficiency
  - high percentage of activated CD8+/CD38+ T cells independent predictor of poor outcome in HIV infection



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## Alemtuzumab (Anti-CD52)

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- Humanized mAb (IgG1kappa) , trade name MABCAMPATH®
- Specific for CD52 (21-28 kDa glycoprotein)
- Targets normal or pathologic mononuclear cells without affecting progenitor cells
  - Increase regulatory cells
  - Induce regulatory T-cell differentiation
  - Inhibit T-cell transmigration

Its activity is related with

- Antibody - dependent cell mediated toxicity (ADCC)
- Complement - toxicity
- Apoptosis induction



- Neutropenia
- Reduction
  - CD4, CD8 T cells, B and NK cells

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## Λοιμώξεις και Alemtuzumab (Anti-CD52)

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- Opportunistic infections
  - *Pneumocystis jirovecii*
  - CMV (10–15% )
- Pulmonary infections
  - in refractory lymphocytic leukemia
- Septicemia

Keep in mind

- the non opportunistic infections

### ACTION

- mAb discontinuation
- PCR every week for CMV
- Cultures

### TREATMENT

According to the findings

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## Rituximab (Anti-CD20)

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Humanized mAb (IgG1) , trade name RITUXAN<sup>®</sup> , MABTHERA<sup>®</sup>

Mainly used in oncology

Specific for CD20 expressed on normal and abnormal B cells

- Increase regulatory cells
- Induce regulatory T-cell differentiation
- Inhibit T-cell transmigration

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## Rituximab (Anti-CD20) και Λοιμώξεις

- Low incidence
- Increased rates in
  - HIV pts (CD4<sup>+</sup> < 50/μl)
  - pts with immunosuppressive agents
- Opportunistic infections
  - mainly viral infections (CMV, parvovirus BK, JC, enterovirus)
- Reactivation of hepatitis B (HBV)

**Keep in mind**

- the non opportunistic infections

### **ACTION**

- mAb discontinuation ????
- PCR for virus
- Cultures

### **TREATMENT**

- According to the findings
- Prophylaxis
- Lamivudine (HBV) ?

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## Anti-TNF mAbs

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Infliximab, Adalimumab Etanercept

Infliximab (REMICADE®) , adalimumab (HUMIRA)® : neutralize TNF

Etanercept (ENBREL®) : fusion protein (human IgG1 Fc fragment + extracellular portion of the TNF $\alpha$  receptor)

Antibody – dependent cell mediated toxicity (ADCC)



**Death of activated  
T cells and macrophages**

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## Anti-TNF και Λοιμώξεις

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- Tuberculosis
- Atypical *mycobacteria* infections
- Infections due to
  - *Listeria, Nocardia, Coccidiosis, streptococci*
- Some cases with fungal infections
- Usually they are apparent in the first 6 months of the treatment
- Viral infections
- HBV reactivation

### Before treatment

- screening for TBC
- CxR, tuberculin and/or INF-Elispot test

### After treatment in case of infection

- mAb discontinuation
- PCR for virus / TBC
- Cultures

### Treatment according to the type of infection

- Prophylactic Lamivudine for HBV

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## Anti-Integrin και Λοιμώξεις

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### Anti-VLA-4 (Natalizumab) και Anti-CD11a (Efalizumab)

#### Natalizumab (TYSABRI®)

- humanized IgG4 targeting the  $\alpha 4$  chain of the  $\alpha 4\beta 2$  integrin (VLA-4)
- JC infection → progressive multifocal leucoencephalopathy
- Is contraindicated in cases of HIV pts
- Leucopenia with immunosuppressive agents

#### Efalizumab (RAPTIVA®)

- humanized mAb targeting the CD11a of LFA1 (CD11a/CD18)
- Was withdrawn in 2009

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## CTLA4-Ig : Abatacept, Belatacept

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### Abatacept (ORENCIA®)

- Is a fusion protein composed of an immunoglobulin Fc fused to the extracellular domain of CTLA4 (CD80/CD86)

### Belatacept

- in phase 2 (fusion protein)
  - No- opportunistic infections reported
  - Severe common infections are common
  - Anecdotal reports
    - sporadic cases of septic arthritis, cellulitis etc.



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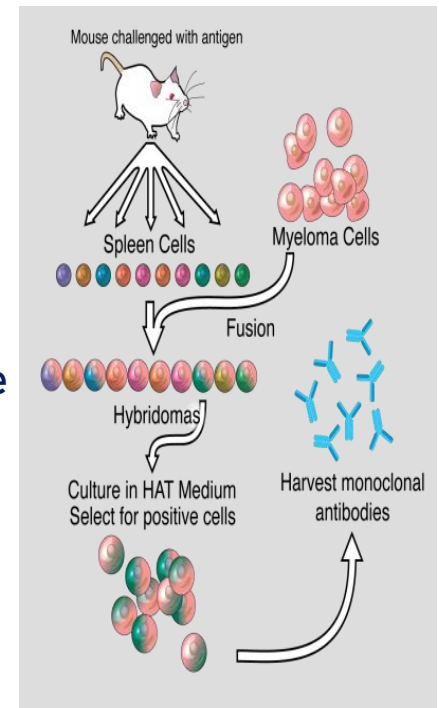
## Eculizumab

Eculizumab, trade name Soliris®

Against the complement protein C5

Recombinant humanized monoclonal IgG<sub>2/4</sub> antibody

- ✓ Congenital atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome
- ✓ Severe shiga-toxin associated hemolytic uremic syndrome
  - enterohemorrhagic *E. coli* in Germany
- ✓ Cold agglutinin disease
- ✓ Kidney transplants



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## Eculizumab και Λοιμώξεις

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### Eculizumab

inhibits complement activation  
and therefore makes  
patients vulnerable  
to infection with  
encapsulated organisms

Serious meningococcus infections

### Before treatment

Meningococcal vaccination  
at least 2 weeks prior to receiving  
eculizumab

### After treatment in case of infection

mAb discontinuation

**Treatment according to the type of  
infection**

# Βιολογικοί Παράγοντες και Λοιμώξεις

## Βιοδείκτες για την ανίχνευση κινδύνου λοιμώξεων

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Immunological biomarkers used before and after immunosuppressive or biologic therapies

- Neutrophil count
- *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* hypersensitivity tests
- Serological cytomegalovirus (CMV) status donors and recipients

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## Φυματίωση και mABs

Tableau I.

Médicaments immunosuppresseurs potentiellement pourvoyeurs de tuberculose (TB).

Classification Mode d'action	Médicaments	Indications	Risque théorique de TB
<b>Lympho-ablatifs</b> - Destruction du tissu lymphoïde - plus spécifiques du lymphocyte T (LT)	Alkylants... cyclophosphamide OKT3, Fludarabine	Chimiothérapie des cancers et hémopathies Maladies systémiques	±
<b>Antimétabolites</b> - inhibe la synthèse des purines, pyrimidines - Blocage de l'expansion LT activé	Mycophénolate mofétil, Azathioprine Méthotrexate, Léflunomide	Prévention du rejet (immunité LT) Maladies systémiques	+
<b>Antiproliférants</b> - Contrôle l'entrée en phase S du cycle cellulaire par fixation au récepteur à la rapamcyne	Sirolimus Everolimus	Prévention du rejet	+
<b>Anticalcineurine</b> - Inhibe le premier signal d'activation du LT	Cyclosporine A, FK 506 (Tacrolimus)	Prévention du rejet	+
<b>Corticoides</b> - Inhibe toute la réaction immuno- inflammatoire	Prednisonne, méthylprednisolone	Maladies systémiques Prévention du rejet de greffe Oncologie, asthme, PHS, FID...	++
<b>Agents anti-TNF<math>\alpha</math></b> - Inhibent la principale cytokine pro- inflammatoire	Infliximab Adalimumab Etanercept	Maladies systémiques	+++

PHS : Pneumopathie d'hypersensibilité ; FID : Fibrose interstitielle diffuse.

Tableau IV.

Incidence et risque relatif (RR) de tuberculose dans la polyarthrite rhumatoïde (PR) avant et après introduction des agents anti-TNF- $\alpha$ . Impact des recommandations.

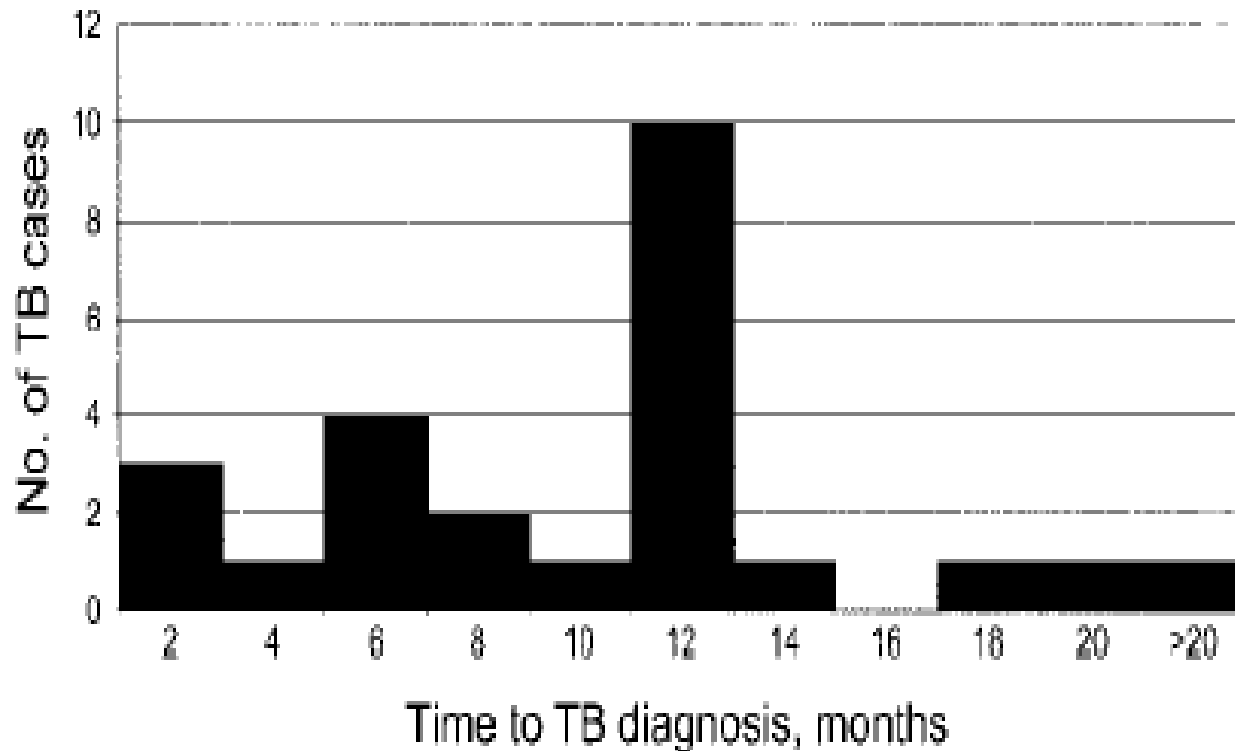
Incidence/100 000 et RR de tuberculose	USA Wolfe 2004 [38]	Espagne Gomez-Reino 2003 Carmona 2005 [52]	Allemagne Perez 2004 [56]	Suède Askling 2005 [40]	Corée Seong 2007 [41]
Dans la population générale	6,2	25	17,5	4-14*	67
RR	1	1	1		1
Dans la PR	6,2	110	?		257
RR		4,7	?	2	4
Dans la PR sous anti-TNF $\alpha$	24,5	522	130	118	2300
RR cumulé	4	20 (4,7 x 5)	9	8(2 x 4)	36 (4 x 9)
Dans la PR sous anti-TNF $\alpha$ avec recommandations	6,2	117	15		
RR	1	4,7	1		
Efficacité	Prouvée	Prouvée		Prouvée	

\*Incidence d'hospitalisation pour tuberculose.

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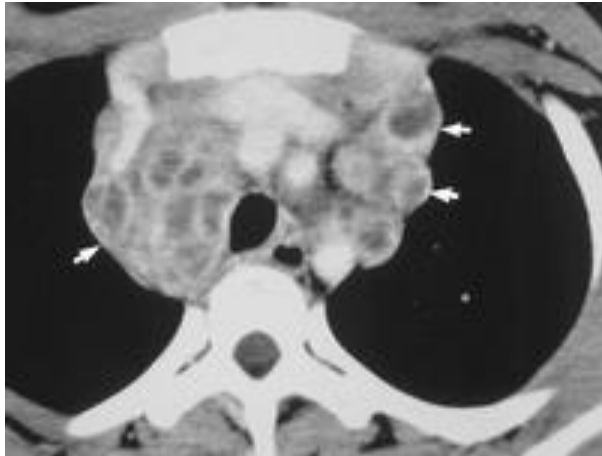
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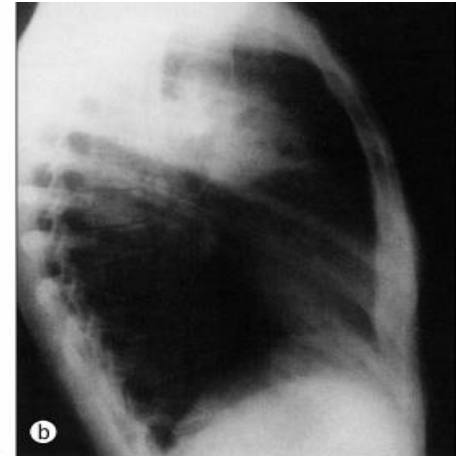


# TB σε ασθενείς με mAbs

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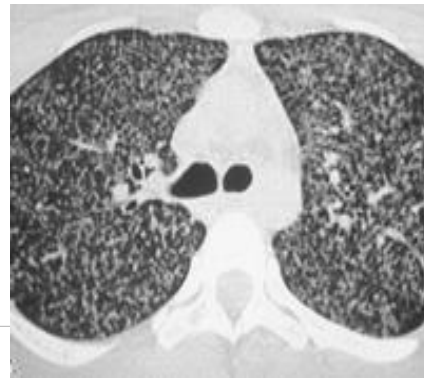
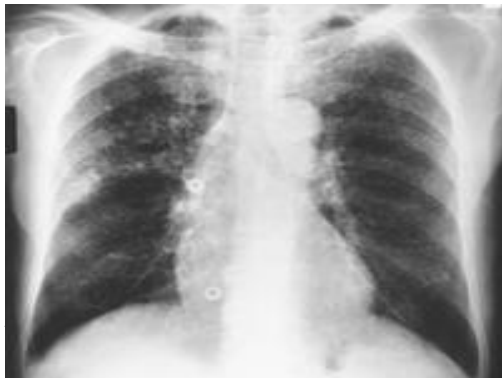


Mediastinal lymphadenitis



Tuberculous pneumonia

*Courtesy of Dr W Lynn, Ealing Hospital, UK.*

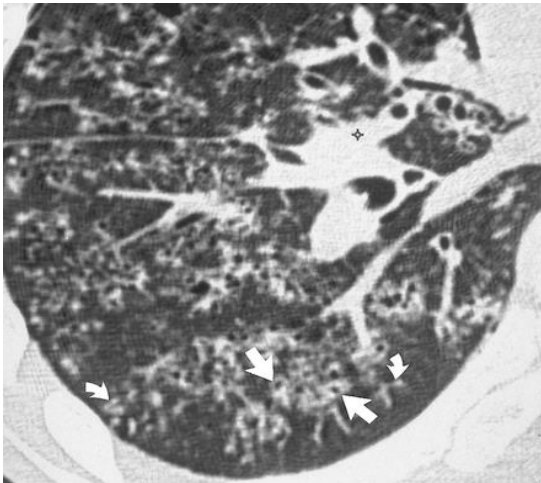


Miliary TBC

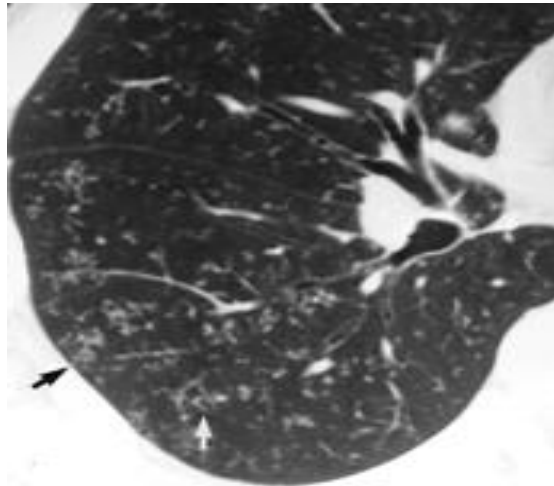
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# Ακτινολογικά ευρήματα

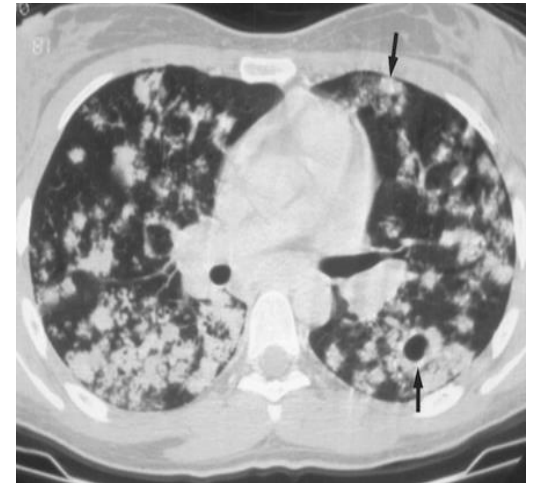
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Tree-in-bud pattern



Multiple nodular lesions



Intrabronchial dissemination

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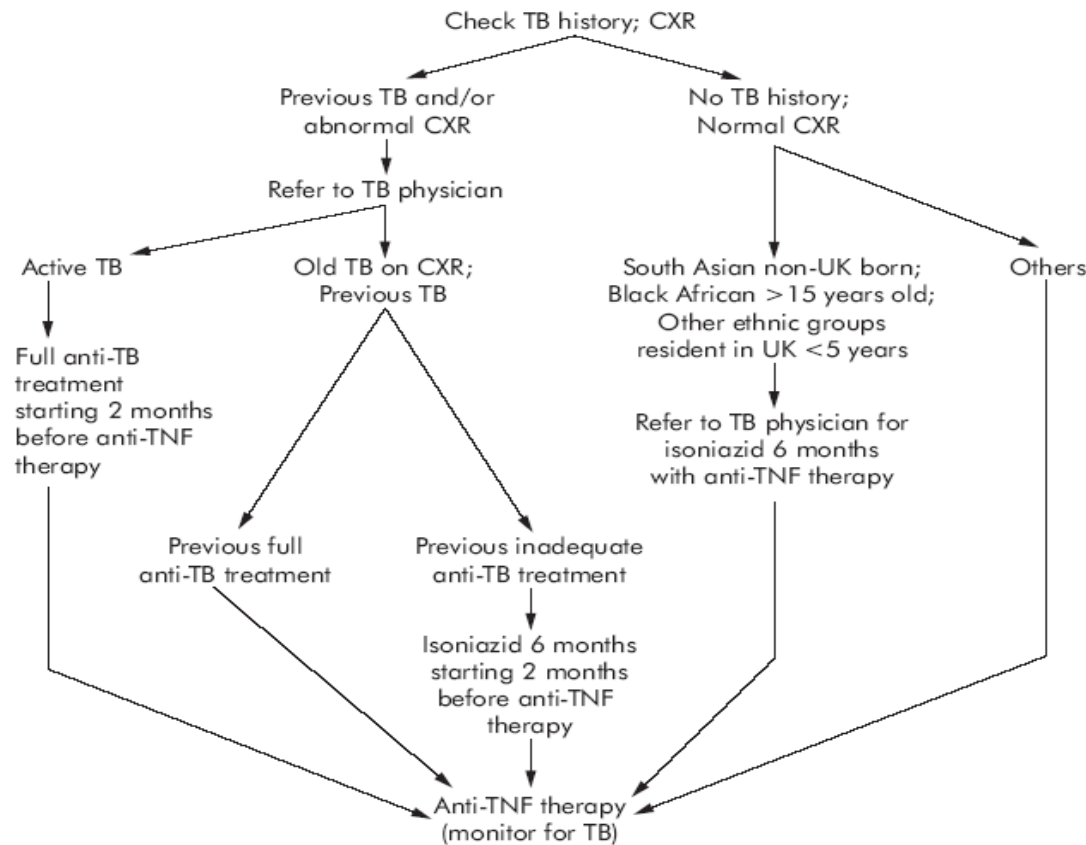
# ΤΒ σε άλλα ανατομικά σημεία

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# Πρόληψη TB σε άλλα ανατομικά σημεία



**Preventing TB in patients with Crohn's disease needing anti-TNF therapy**

# Immune Reconstitution Inflammatory Syndrome (IRIS)

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## **Paradoxical worsening of clinical status**

- related to recovery of the immune system after immunosuppression leading to host inflammatory responses to previously recognized or subclinical infections

## **Immune reconstitution**

- may also result from an inflammatory or Immune response to cancer or self-antigens

## **IRIS is synonymous**

- Immune restoration disease or Immune reconstitution syndrome

Other authors have expanded the spectrum of IRS to include a clinical deterioration induced by reduction or withdrawal of immunosuppressive agents in HIV (-) individuals.

# **Clinical illness consistent with IRIS in non HIV-patients**

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MAC infection

Cryptococcosis

Herpes simplex, Herpes zoster

Hepatitis C and B virus infection

CMV infection

Kaposi sarcoma

Sarcoidosis

Graves disease

Hashimoto thyroiditis

Drug-induced hypersensitivity syndrome

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# Types of IRIS

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Early IRIS = days–3 months

Late IRIS = months after treatment

– ‘Unmasking’ form = due to a previously undiagnosed subclinical infection at the time that therapy is initiated

– ‘Paradoxical’ form = related to a previously known opportunistic pathogen that was initially responding to therapy

Both types require an adequate immunological and virological response to the treatment

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# Conclusions

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- Treatment with mAbs is related with infections
    - Opportunistic, non- opportunistic
    - Bacterial, Viral, TBC
  - Early recognition and treatment is important
    - PCR, cultures etc
  - Possible discontinuation of mAbs
  - Vaccination prior to start mAbs treatment
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