

BTS MDR-TB Clinical Advice Service Quick Start Guide for Clinicians

Log into the BTS MDR-TB Clinical Advice Service website at <https://mdrtb.brit-thoracic.org.uk>. When you log in you can add new cases, amend existing cases, and review the advice and feedback you have been given.

Adding a New Case

Before adding any new case you must obtain patient (or parent/guardian) consent. Consent forms are available in the Document Library section of the MDR-TB website, accessible directly from the homepage.

From your homepage select the *New Patient* button; this will open up the demographic questions. When you have completed these questions and saved the information you will be redirected to the *Patient Home* page.

There are several sections to complete (please **do not add patient identifiable data** to your attachments or clinical advice posts – only to clinical and follow-up datasets):

- **Clinical Data** – when you add a new case you must complete these questions to provide full case details. For every drug you select a new tab will appear. Please complete the short questions for the drugs your patient has received – this will populate the drug-o-gram chart available in your case summary report.
- **Attachments** – upload any CXR images, whole genome sequencing PDFs, etc.
- **Clinical Advice** – to add your specific query. **You must complete this section to receive advice.**

Adding Information to an Existing Case

Select *Existing Patient* from your home page. Open the case, and from the *Patient Home* page select *Follow Up* and click *Add New Follow Up*. Previous answers are copied automatically, so you only need to update new information (rather than adding everything from scratch). If you are seeking advice you must still add a query to the *Clinical Advice* section, or our advisers will not be notified of your update.

Timetabled Virtual MDTs

New/updated cases are typically discussed during our monthly MDTs (unless MDT discussion is not required). You will receive an email notification several days before an MDT if a case you originally posted is due to be discussed. This email will contain the details for joining in (by Teams, with telephone option available). **Please do not disclose patient identifiable information during the MDT.**

There is no set agenda for MDTs, as the order of discussion is determined by which clinician are present on the call (or have indicated when they will be dialling in). If you or a colleague are not able to take part your case will still be discussed. Your MDTs are listed in the *Your MDTs* section (available from your homepage).

Receiving Advice

Select *Existing Patient* from your homepage and open the specific case in question. From the *Patient Home* page select *Clinical Advice*. If the *Clinical Advice* button has a number next to it in brackets then a new post has been added since you last viewed that case. New posts are added to the top of the thread, not the bottom.

Specialised Commissioned and Novel Drugs

You may request support for the use of BDQ, DLM or PMD through your advice threads. The panel may support this request through consensus at MDT or through posts outside MDT. For support outside MDTs **three individual advisers** must respond in support of your request.

Additional Information

- A drug-o-gram (a Gantt chart giving an overview of drug treatment history to date) is available in the case summary report (drug treatment dates must be entered to populate this chart).
- All cases are jointly managed within a hospital (i.e. all users at that hospital may view and edit them).
- Cases may be jointly managed between two sites on request.
- Cases may be transferred between hospitals (if the patient moves) or to a different clinician within the same hospital (this changes the primary contact for MDT emails) on request.