

Tuberculosis is one of the world's deadliest diseases. Approximately 1/3 of the world's population is infected with 10.4 million new cases and 1.8 million deaths in 2015. Tuberculosis remains one of the leading killers of people who are HIV positive. While there are intense public health efforts to control tuberculosis in the United States leading to an all-time low incidence rate of only 3 cases per 100,000 cases in 2015, other countries have not had such success. In today's society, travel and relocation or immigration is very common and frequently practiced. Meaning that it is easy for individuals to visit tuberculosis prevalent countries and for citizens from these countries to relocate to the US. Therefore, Optometrists might encounter cases of latent or active tuberculosis patients and it is imperative that we learn about tuberculosis and how it can manifest in the eyes so we can protect ourselves as health care providers and manage these patients.