

# EFFECTIVENESS OF TREATMENT OF PATIENTS WITH MULTIDRUG-RESISTANT TUBERCULOSIS USING INTRAVENOUS ETHAMBUTOL IN THE INTENSIVE PHASE OF CHEMOTHERAPY

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## *Summary*

There was analyzed the results of treatment of 72 patients with multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR TB). It was established, that ethambutol administered intravenously in the dose of 15 mg/kg during 4 months in comparison with its oral formulation (36 patients in each group) reduced the terms of sputum conversion and decreased by 25 % the clinical manifestations of the disease which led to shorter (by 0,8 month,  $p < 0,05$ ) stay of patients at the hospital.