

# Using Whole Genome Sequencing to Establish Epi Links among Individuals with Tuberculosis

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## What is TB Genotyping?

- Laboratory method that examines DNA variations to determine genetic relatedness of TB strains from different patients who have TB disease
- Can only be performed with culture-positive cases
   N=106 2017 (83%)
- Genotyping helps identify transmission relationships between TB cases
- Genotypic matches are expected from known epi links (household contacts)



**Genotyping Laboratories** 

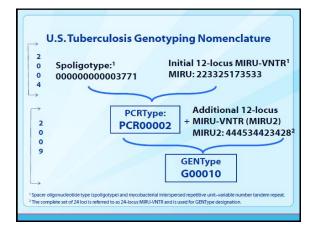
### **Genotype Cluster**

- Two or more cases with matching TB genotypes may be considered part of a genotype cluster
  - · Usually restricted by place and time
- Patients in a genotype cluster are more likely to be in a the same chain of transmission
- Transmission among patients in a genotype cluster may be recent or remote
- Ruling out transmission vs. confirming
  - Easier to rule out

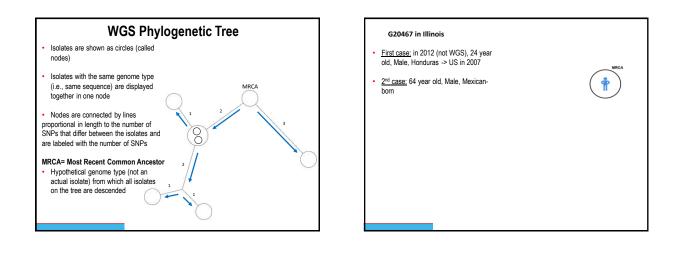
## National TB Genotyping Service (NTGS)

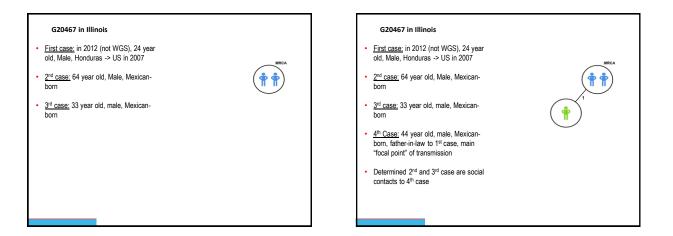
### NTGS started in 2004

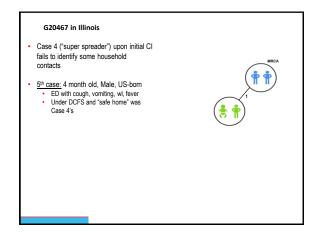
- TB GIMS launched March 2010
   As of January 2017, contains genotyping results for over 105,000 patients
- State labs submit TB isolates for genotyping • "Universal Genotyping"- genotype one isolate from every culturepositive TB case in the United States
- In 2016, 99% of Chicago culture positive cases were genotyped (97% US)

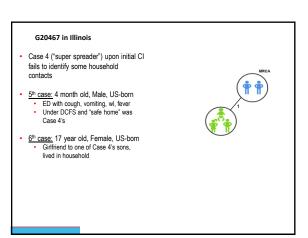


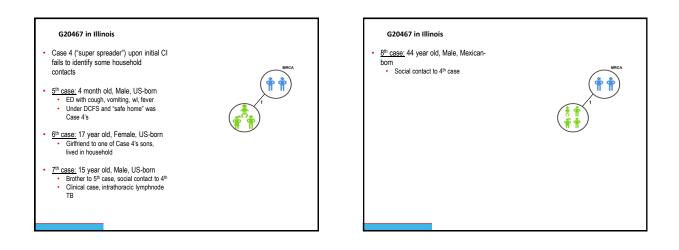
# WGS started universally in 2018 CDC will WGS previous isolates upon request WGS analysis was preformed for GENType clustered isolates to further assess the genetic relatedness. Expands coverage of the genome to ~90% (i.e., compared to ~1% coverage with conventional genotyping). WGS data identifies SNPs (single nucleotide polymorphisms), DNA change at a single position, that are useful for examining the genetic relationship among isolates. SNPs that are identified in WGS analysis are mapped on to a phylogenetic tree to diagram genetic relatedness











# G20467 in Illinois <u>gth case:</u> 44 year old, Male, Mexicanborn <u>gth case:</u> 41 year old, Female, Mexicanborn Wife of 8<sup>th</sup> case

