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Scientists have created a new test that can detect tuberculosis much faster. This test is not only gets results faster but is also much more accurate than past tests. Click on one of the links to get more information on this new test to detect tuberculosis.

Scientists are reporting a major advance in diagnosing [tuberculosis](#): A new test can reveal in less than two hours, with very high accuracy, whether someone has the disease and if it's resistant to the main [drug](#) for treating it.

The test could revolutionize [TB](#) care and replace the 125-year-old process used now, which is slow and misses more than half of all cases, experts say. A better test would be a powerful tool to curb TB in poor countries, where most people spread the [lung](#) disease before they are diagnosed and [treated](#), and many don't return for follow-up doctor visits to get test results.

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