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**Video clip to inform public on drug-resistant tuberculosis**

Tommie Victor and Madeleine Hanekom from the SU node of the CBTBR were involved in making a video clip concerning drug resistant tuberculosis in consultation with the company Video Launch in Cape Town. Karl Bremer Hospital served as the TB hospital and actors played the roles of patients and health-care practitioners. The video describes how an individual can contract TB, the symptoms of drug susceptible and drug resistant TB, how the disease can be prevented and how susceptible and drug-resistant forms of TB can be treated with combinations of first and second line drugs. The focus then shifted to MDR and XDR-TB – what is meant by these terms, symptoms, how these forms of the disease can be treated and how to prevent transmission of strains of *M. tuberculosis* that are highly resistant to anti-tubercular drugs. The video was made in consultation with the Department of Health and will be used for training purposes.