

# **Introduction to TB Genotyping Information Management System (TB GIMS)**

## **Molecular Epidemiology Activity**

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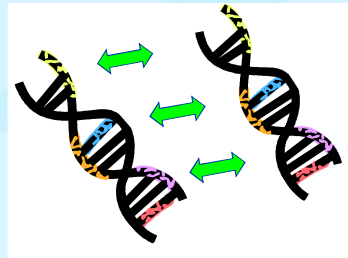


## **Agenda**

- ❑ **What is genotyping?**
- ❑ **Genotype nomenclature**
- ❑ **NTGS methods**
- ❑ **Overview of TB GIMS**
- ❑ **TB GIMS data flow**
- ❑ **TB GIMS User roles**
- ❑ **Applying genotyping using TB GIMS**

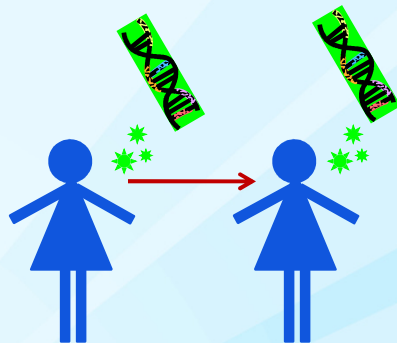
## What is TB Genotyping?

- ❑ Examines tiny DNA variations to determine genetic relatedness of TB strains from different patients
- ❑ Only performed with culture-positive cases



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## Genotypes and Transmission



- ❑ Genotyping helps us understand transmission relationships among cases
- ❑ We expect genotypes from related cases to match

### **Genotype cluster**

- ❑ **Two or more patients with matching TB genotypes are considered part of a genotype cluster**
  - Usually restricted by place and time
- ❑ **Patients in a genotype cluster are more likely to be in the same chain of transmission**
- ❑ **Transmission among patients in a genotype cluster may not be**
  - Recent
  - Direct

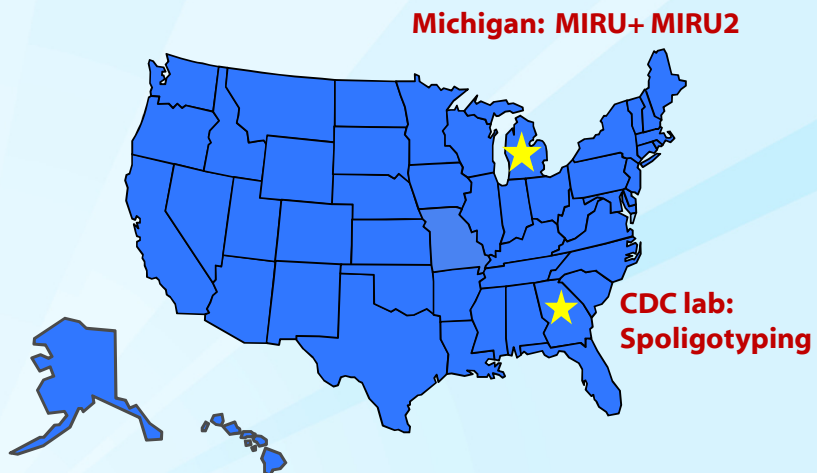
### **National TB Genotyping Service (NTGS)**

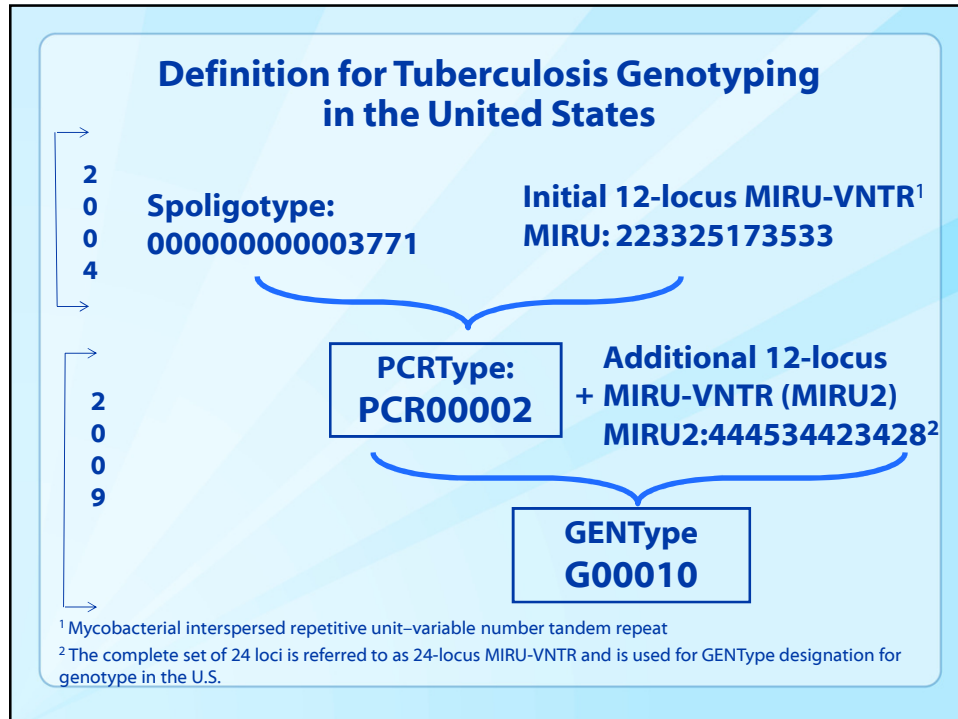
- ❑ **Started in 2004**
- ❑ **States voluntarily submit TB isolates for genotyping**
- ❑ **Genotype one isolate from every culture-positive TB patient in the United States**
  - “Universal Genotyping”
- ❑ **In 2015, 96% of culture-positive TB patients in the U.S. had a TB genotype result**

## NTGS Genotyping Methods

- ❑ Two Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) methods
- ❑ **Spacer oligonucleotide typing (Spoligotype)**
  - Spoligotype: 777777477760771
- ❑ **Mycobacterial Interspersed Repetitive Units (MIRU)**
  - MIRU: 232234253322
  - MIRU2: 334564611872

## Genotyping Laboratories





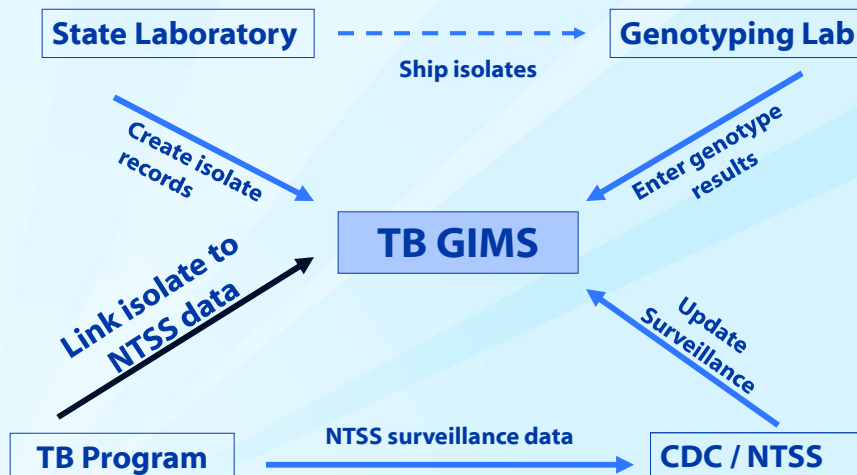
### TB Genotyping Information Management System (TB GIMS)

- ❑ Launched March 2010
- ❑ Secure web-based application
- ❑ Designed to improve dissemination, management, and application of genotyping data
- ❑ As of May 2016, TB GIMS contains genotype results for over 100,000 patients


### TB GIMS Functions

- ❑ Receive and update genotyping results from genotyping laboratories
- ❑ Link genotype results from NTGS to patient-level surveillance data from National TB Surveillance System (NTSS)
- ❑ View national, state, and local maps of cases in a genotype cluster
- ❑ Examine and compare demographic, clinical and risk characteristics of patients in genotype clusters
- ❑ Tools for outbreak detection

### TB GIMS Data Flow




## State Laboratory Super User



<b>TB GIMS Home</b>
Search
Genotype Results
<b>Records</b>
New Isolates
Edit Isolates
Submit Isolates
Import Data
<b>Reports and Tools</b>
Generate Reports
Templates
<b>Additional Testing</b>
Submit Requests
View Pending Results
<b>Directory</b>
View Users

- Primary responsibility is to ensure that isolates are genotyped**
- Create, submit, and edit isolate records**
- Search for genotype results**
- Request additional testing**



## TB Program Super User

<b>TB GIMS Home</b>
Search
Genotype Results
Patient Results
Blank State Case Numbers
Blank Surveillance
<b>Records</b>
Edit Isolates
Find Duplicates
Import Data
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Generate Reports
Export Data
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- Primary responsibility is data management**
  - Link genotype results to patient records**
  - Manage patient records with multiple genotype results**
- Access, search, and export genotype and patient records**
- Request additional testing**



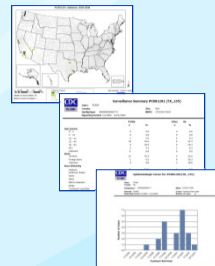
### TB Lab and Program Super User

- ❑ For states with 1 or 2 TB GIMS Super Users who perform both Lab and Program functions
- ❑ Primary responsibility is to ensure that isolates are genotyped and linked with surveillance records
- ❑ Create, submit, edit, link and manage all TB GIMS records
- ❑ Request additional testing

### Program Standard User



- ❑ Primary users of genotyping data
- ❑ Access, search, and export genotype and patient results





### All Users

- ❑ Cluster snapshots
- ❑ Watch List
- ❑ Generate reports and maps by PCRTYPE/GENType
  - Epidemic curves
  - Surveillance summary report
  - National distribution of genotypes
  - Lists of county-level alerts
  - National, state, and local maps
- ❑ TB GIMS Directory

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### Applying Genotyping Using TB GIMS

- ❑ Patient Level
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### □ Population Level

- **Detect outbreaks**
- **Define scope of outbreaks**
- **Monitor outbreaks over time**

## CDC TB GIMS Website

<http://www.cdc.gov/tb/programs/genotyping/tbgims/>

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