

COMMENT ON: MARKERS OF GENITAL TUBERCULOSIS IN INFERTILITY

Genital tuberculosis in infertility is an interesting topic of discussion. The recent report by Khanna and Agrawal on markers of genital tuberculosis provided some interesting data.⁽¹⁾ In the report, the researchers studied the diagnostic property of tuberculosis testing methods and concluded that "if a patient is negative for these tests, she should not be continued on anti-tubercular therapy, thus avoiding the unnecessary adverse effects of anti-tubercular drugs such as hepatotoxicity, ototoxicity and neuropathy."⁽¹⁾ Based on the above conclusion, the specific suggestion appears to be unclear. It does not clarify which tests have to be performed, as there may be false negative and false positive results in such tests. In addition, the cost effectiveness of performing such tests also needs to be considered.

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