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3rd Degree: XDR Tuberculosis **Tuesday 10 October at 8pm**

The killer strain of Tuberculosis was first diagnosed in the small rural town of Tugela Ferry, KwaZulu Natal. Patients stopped responding to normal TB treatment in January last year and as a result 71 people have died.

Despite the early warnings from medical experts and media reports, it has taken the Department of Health two years to respond. While more and more people are infected as the bacteria spreads rapidly across the country it seems the Department of Health is once again napping.

Dr Tony Moll, Chief Medical Officer at the Church of Scotland in Tugela Ferry says: "Once someone has XDR TB and they are presented with symptoms, there is not a lot we can offer that patient in terms of treatment."

This week, *3rd Degree* investigates the outbreak of the XDR TB and discovers a shocking state of affairs. We speak to the families of the victims who have died from the bacteria, and interview the Department of Health asking what is being done to prevent the spread.

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