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Chapter 1: The Global Epidemic

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EXPOSED: The Race Against Tuberculosis is a four-part series of short films that tells the story of the deadly global epidemic of tuberculosis. *The Global Epidemic* combines expert interviews from around the world with the story of Natalie Skipper from Tennessee, who survived multidrug-resistant tuberculosis, but not before it flipped her life upside down.

Fact: Every year, approximately nine million men, women and children become sick with tuberculosis, and 1.4 million people die. Multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB), the form of TB contracted by Natalie, can require up to two years or more of treatment, daily injections and in-patient care.

Fact: Treating MDR-TB can cost 200 times more than drug-sensitive TB. Nearly a third of South Africa's TB control budget goes to MDR-TB, which accounts for only 2% of total TB cases. In London, costs can range from £50,000-70,000 per patient, and in the US it can cost US \$250,000 or more.

"Bacteria don't carry passports. This is a global phenomenon."

– Valerie Mizrahi, University of Cape Town

"This is not a poor man's disease. This is also a middle class and a rich person's disease."

– Jay Naidoo, Global

"We live in one of the richest countries in the world, and I know that if my case was a burden here, it's not realistic to think that we can ... replicate [my treatment] in a country where this disease is rampant and raging."

– Natalie Skipper, MDR-TB Survivor

Featured in this Chapter:

- Natalie Skipper, multidrug-resistant TB survivor, Nashville, Tennessee
- Gigi Nelson, Natalie Skipper's grandmother
- Pat & Dan Nelson, Natalie Skipper's parents
- Kari Stoeber, Vice President of External Affairs, Aeras
- Soumya Swaminathan, Director, National Institute for Research in TB, India
- Valerie Mizrahi, Director of the Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine, University of Cape Town
- Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, US National Institutes of Health
- Simon Logan, Policy Adviser, UK All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Tuberculosis
- Aaron Oxley, Executive Director, RESULTS UK
- Christine Lubinski, Vice President for Global Health, Infectious Diseases Society of America
- Jay Naidoo, Chairman, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

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