

### **Berlin Story Thoughts**

- Government drug purchase: Poor quality vs. high quality
- What happens while awaiting diagnosis; how many die, how many more do they infect?
- Burning of biofuels inside homes; What social conditions permit the spread of TB? Gender issue? (Housing types, crowding, unpaved streets, crowded buses, etc.?) Special stoves?
- How poverty in developing world drives the TB epidemic
- Contradiction between global tobacco control and government policies
- Drug distribution system in China, especially for asthma; affordability of drugs produced for export.
- Asthma: Still here, still incurable.
- Monitoring those on treatment; how many finish? Who's counting? How difficult is it to adhere to treatment? What is the social obligation of the patient on treatment?
- Explaining government smoke-free policies to consumers
- State of the health system vs. the disease burden in African countries
- How politics affects research and treatment
- The face of TB? Who has the disease?
- Stigma; it's an obstacle to curing TB
- TB has no strong constituency
- New, cooperative funding models for disease research
- Structural issues of drug distribution