

SUSPECT TUBERCULOSIS

- 1 An ill child with a history of contact with a confirmed case of PTB
- 2 Any child:
 - 2.1 not gaining normal health after measles or whooping cough
 - 2.2 with loss of weight, cough and wheeze not responding to antibiotic therapy for respiratory disease
 - 2.3 with painless swelling in a group of superficial nodes

PROBABLE TUBERCULOSIS

A suspect case and any of the following:

- 3 positive (>10mm) indurations on tuberculin testing
- 4 suggestive appearance on chest radiograph
- 5 suggestive histological appearance of biopsy material
- 6 favourable response to specific anti-TB therapy

CONFIRMED TUBERCULOSIS

- 7 detection by microscopy or culture of tubercle bacilli from secretions or tissues
- 8 the identification of the tubercle bacilli

Figure 2.5
The WHO provisional guidelines for the diagnosis of PTB in children
(Schaaf et al 1995:189-194)