

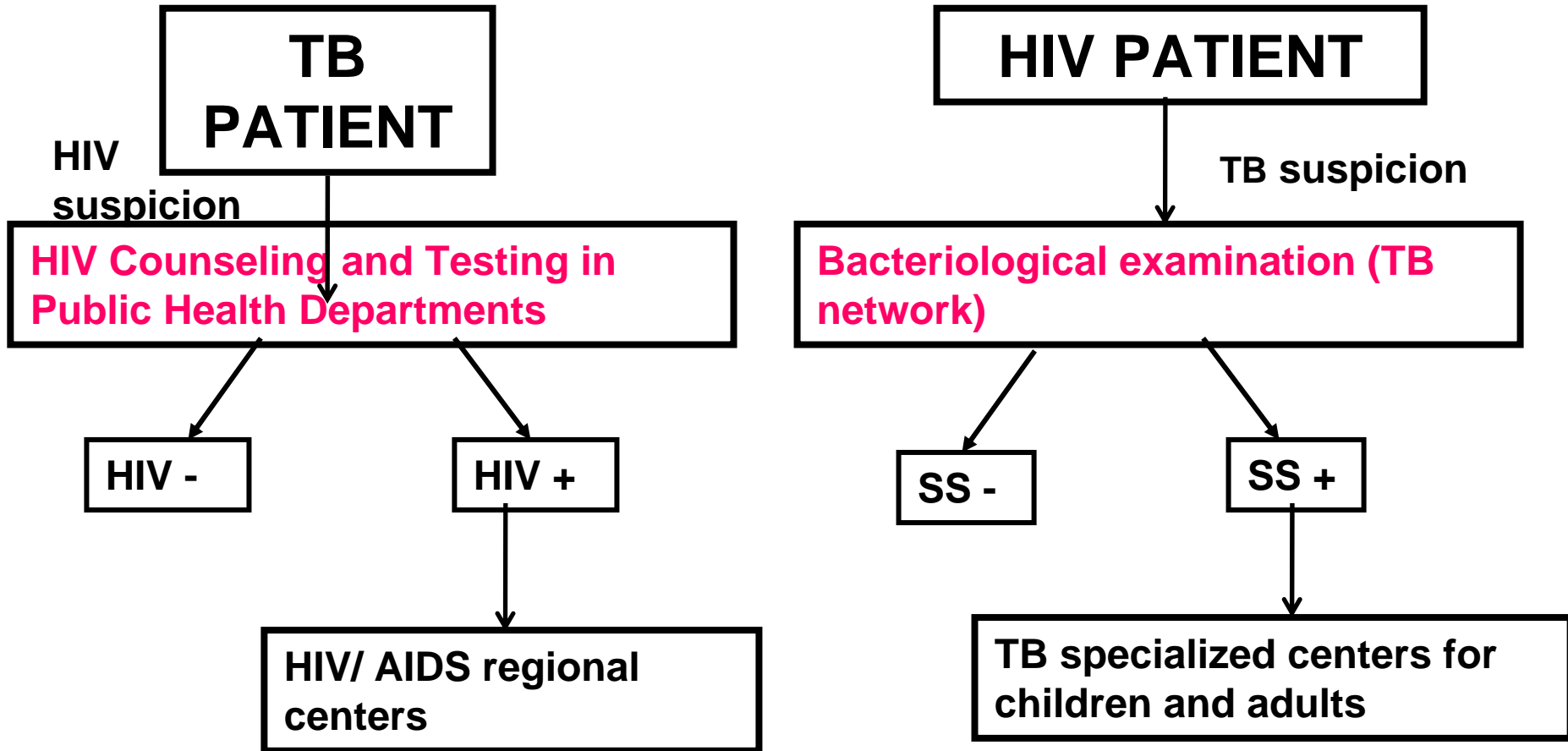
# **TB- HIV Collaborative activities in Romania-2009**

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# TB-HIV patient management



# Main achievements-National TB Programme

- In the new TB Strategy, there are aspects regarding:
  - Voluntary testing and counselling for TB patients-such services are available in all counties, especially for new cases
  - The management of TB-HIV patients-All TB HIV positive cases are immediately included into the National HIV programme; HIV cases are receiving ARV free of charge.

# Main achievements-National HIV Programme

- All HIV patients are tested for TB.
- The HIV-TB patients are referred to TB specialized centers and included in National TB programme.
- The TB cases are receiving TB treatment free of charge.
- Data recording and reporting system is functional

# Main challenges

- The management of TB-HIV patients is not included in the new HIV Strategy.
- Financial aspects regarding the procurement of HIV tests for TB patients
- There are no formal links between the TB and HIV national control programmes.
- The case management of a TB/HIV co-infected patient is not formalized and is based on good will and collaboration between different doctors
- There are no formal links between the TB and HIV national registers

# Next steps

- Formalize the link between the 2 programmes with the development of one protocol on TB/HIV integrate case management, including the TB and HIV surveillance registers
- Increase the level of communication and coordination between the staff of the 2 networks