

**SPEAKER:** And what about those patients that just don't seem to microbiologically respond? And these are the group we call treatment refractory. So by definition, these are patients who, despite being on a good regimen, are remaining culture positive.

Now for study purposes, we have defined at least six months as a reasonable time before you describe someone as treatment refractory. In actual studies, despite using that definition, the average time that patients have been on therapy was actually in years-- that there are many, many patients who had been on therapy for as long as four years or even longer and yet remained culture positive. Those are patients that we clearly define as treatment refractory.