

SPEAKER 1: When you start liposomal amikacin, you should follow the same protocol that we are doing for injectable amikacin. So for those patients, I wait for three months, and then I repeat the sputum test to find out when the sputum is converted. And then, whenever three months you have negative results, then you call the patient converted. And from the first month conversion happens, 12 months you're going to continue treatment.

However, treatment with liposomal amikacin is not longer than six months, and that is exactly the duration that has been recommended for injectable amikacin. And whenever your sputum is converted, you can continue your oral medications and stop liposomal amikacin. It is whatever I would recommend for my patients.

Always, whenever you started amikacin, continue with your oral medications. We don't have monotherapy for any microbacterial disease. So for those patients, please continue your macrolide, rifampin, ethambutol, if they are susceptible for that patient. If they are not, in that case you need to substitute with at least two new more oral medications.