### 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

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**Figure 2.5**

The WHO provisional guidelines for the diagnosis of PTB in children

(Schaaf et al 1995:189-194)