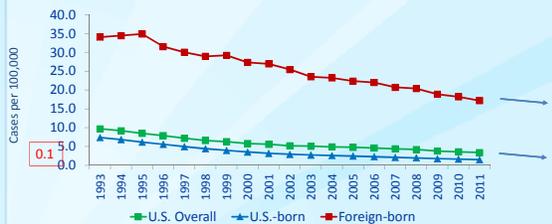


Stop TB in My Lifetime?

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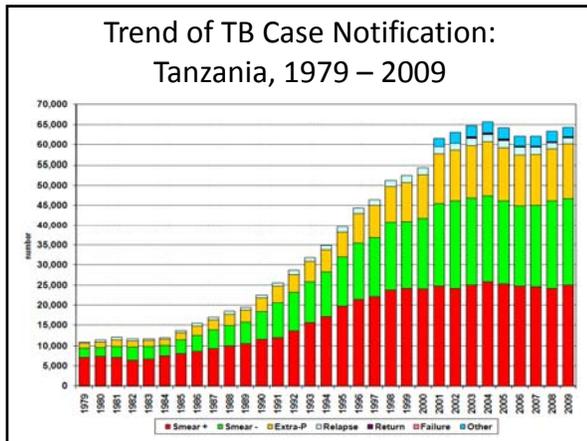
- Definition of TB Elimination is 1/million
- Would mean US = 315, Virginia = 8
- Several things would need to happen
 - Decrease transmission
 - Let the LTBI's wash out
 - We possibly could get to these rates in US born
 - Most work needs to happen outside of the US
 - Many other counteracting forces at work: Diabetes, MDR Tb, poverty, crowding, smoking, HIV....

TB Case Rates in U.S.-born vs. Foreign-born Persons, United States, 1993 – 2011*



*Updated as of June 25, 2012.







- We could do it if we could provide VDH-quality care throughout the world
- But....much less \$ + much greater incidence = difficult
- So what to do?
- Think globally act locally
- Keep doing what we're doing
- Advocate for and take pride in the high quality care that we provide here
- Every foreign born TB case we treat is one less
