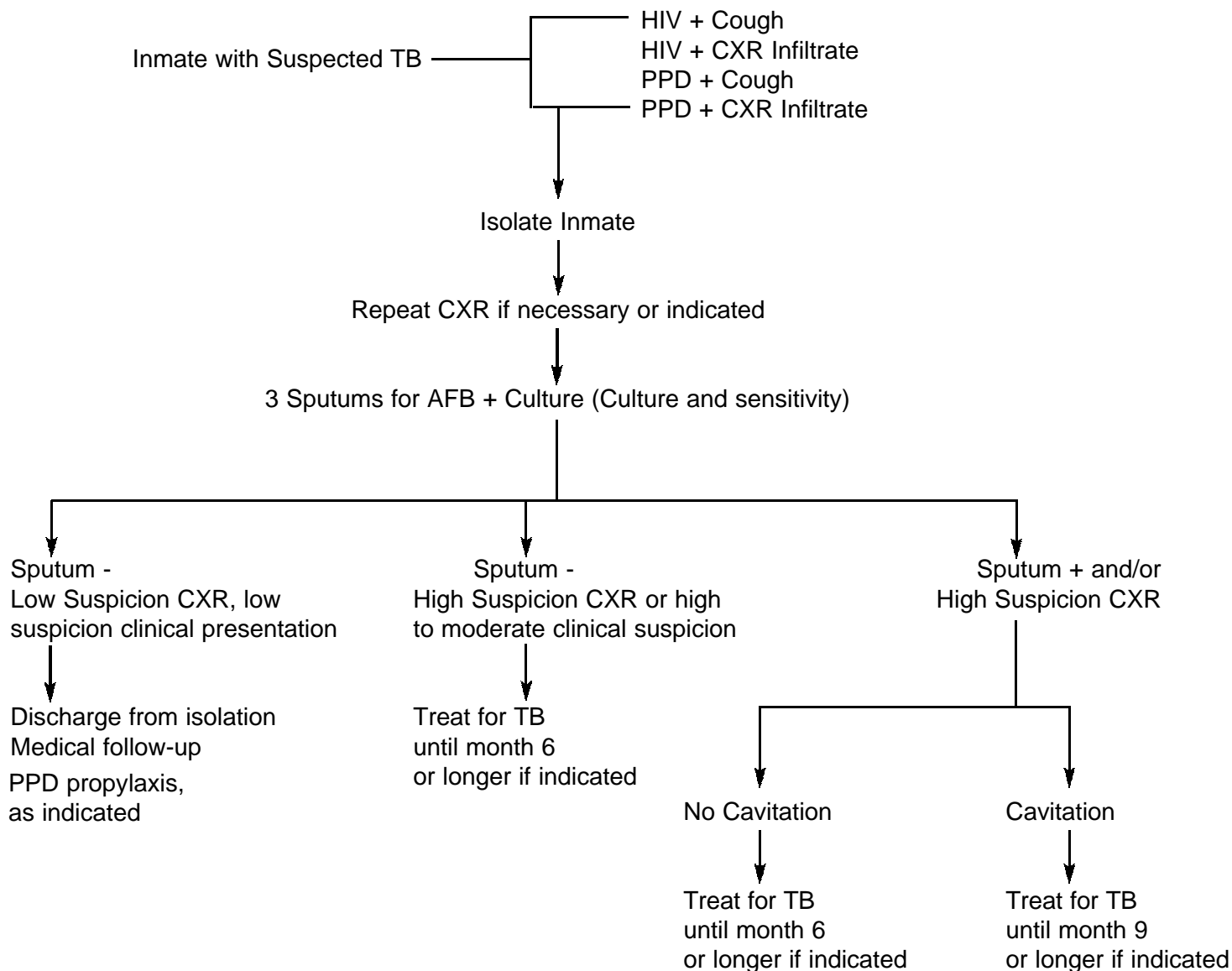


IDCR-O-GRAM: Suspected TB in the Correctional Setting



All TB treatment begins with isoniazid, rifampin, pyrazinamide, and ethambutol for the initial 2 months. A repeat smear and culture should be performed after 2 months of treatment. Normally, the continuation phase of treatment should consist of isoniazid and rifampin daily or twice weekly for 4 months to complete a total of 6 months of treatment. If cavitation was present on the initial chest radiograph and the culture at the time of completion of 2 months of therapy is positive, the continuation phase should be lengthened to 7 months (total of 9 months of treatment).

If the patient has HIV infection and CD4 <100/ul, the continuation phase should consist of daily or three times weekly isoniazid and rifampin. In HIV-uninfected patients having no cavitation on chest radiograph and negative AFB smears at completion of 2 months of treatment, the continuation phase may consist of either once weekly isoniazid and rifampin, or daily or twice weekly isoniazid and rifampin, to complete a total of 6 months. Patients receiving isoniazid and rifampin, and whose 2 months cultures are positive, should have treatment extended by an additional 3 months (total of 9 months).