

rapid readout BIs were negative at the predicted adequate time). In addition, all rapid readout BIs were positive at the minimum exposure time, and in no instance was there a negative fluorescent result and a positive visible color change result in the same BI, which would indicate a false negative result. Thus, BIs based on enzyme detection are capable of providing a more sensitive indication of sterilization cycle failure than currently available spore growth BIs in a much shorter time and without any apparent disadvantages.

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TB Cases Decline in New York City for Second Year in a Row

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New York City officials reported that tuberculosis (TB) was on the decline in the five boroughs of the city.

The incidence of TB has dropped from 3,235 cases in 1993 to 2,995 cases in 1994, representing a 7.4% decline from 3,811 cases in 1992. New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani warned that New York City still has the highest

number of TB cases in the country, and it cannot afford to slow down its efforts to control the disease.

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