

- A tuberculosis test is done to find out if you have the tuberculosis germs in your body.
- The test will not tell if you have active tuberculosis disease.
- You will need more tests if you have a positive TB test.



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# What is a TB Test?





## How is the test done?

A small needle is used to inject some test material, called tuberculin, under the skin of your arm. You cannot get TB from the test material.

In 2 or 3 days, you will need to return and have a health care worker look at your arm.



## What do my results mean?

Your test is "**positive**" if you have a small bump on your arm. This bump means you may have TB infection.

You will need further tests, such as a chest x-ray, to find out if you have **TB infection** or **TB disease**.



Your test may be "**negative**" if you do not have a bump on your arm. This means that you may not have TB germs in your body. **BUT**, if you were around a person with active TB disease, you may need to have the test again.

The TB test  
is a simple  
skin test!