

Tuberculosis (TB)

Why are we concerned about Tuberculosis (TB)?

Tuberculosis (known as “TB”) is a serious disease. TB spreads through the air, from person to person, when someone with the active disease talks, coughs, sings, or sneezes. Other people breathe in the bacteria which, if not treated, can make a person very sick and even cause death.

What is Tuberculosis (TB)?

TB usually attacks the lungs but can spread to other parts of your body through your blood. There are 2 types of TB:

1. **Latent TB infection** does not make you sick because the bacteria are “sleeping” in your body. However, these bacteria can “wake-up” and turn into “Active TB” which can make you very sick.
2. **Active TB** is a serious disease that needs to be treated right away. People with active TB often have a long lasting cough, fever, night sweats, and feel tired.

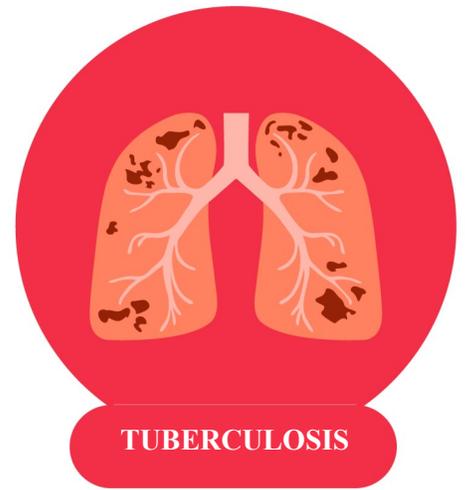
How do I know if I have TB?

TB screenings and testing are used to diagnose either Latent or Active TB. If your doctor thinks you could have TB, you may also need to get a chest x-ray.

Can TB be cured?

Yes! TB can be cured with the right medicine. Latent TB infection can also be treated to help prevent it from becoming Active TB.

For more information: Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/TB>



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