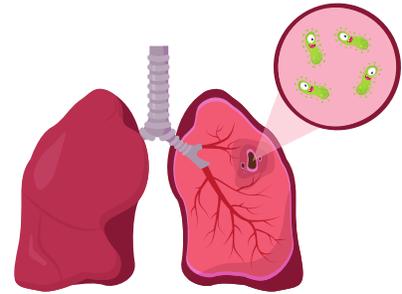


TUBERCULOSIS (TB) FACT SHEET

WHAT IS TB?

TB is a disease caused by germs (bacteria) that are spread from person-to-person through the air. TB usually affects the lungs, but it can also affect other parts of the body, such as the kidney, spine, and brain.

TB Germs (Bacteria)



HOW DOES IT SPREAD?

The TB bacteria are spread through the air when a person with active TB disease of the lungs:

- Coughs
- Sings
- Laughs
- Speaks



TYPES OF TB

TB can be in the body sleeping as latent TB infection or awake as active TB disease.

Latent TB Infection

- You have no symptoms.
- You **do not** feel sick.
- You **cannot** spread the TB germs to others.
- You can prevent getting TB disease by taking pills.

Active TB Disease

- You might have symptoms.
- You may feel sick.
- You can spread TB germs to others.
- You can cure TB disease by taking pills.

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HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE TB?

The only way to know if you have TB is by getting tested. There is a TB skin test and a TB blood test. Talk to your doctor to find out which test is best for you.

TB Skin Test



TB Blood Test



HOW SHOULD I TAKE CARE OF SOMEONE WHO HAS TB?

Follow instructions from your doctor. Treatment is available to cure both latent TB infection and TB disease.

HOW CAN I PROTECT MYSELF?

You can protect yourself by knowing your TB status. Take medicine for TB infection to prevent TB disease.

WHEN SHOULD I CALL THE DOCTOR?

Call your doctor if you notice possible symptoms of active TB disease.

TB Symptoms:

- Cough that does not get better
- Chest pain
- Coughing up blood
- Feeling weak or sick
- Unexplained weight loss
- Fever and/or night sweats
- Other symptoms depend on the part of the body that is affected.