

TUBERCULOSIS



(TB)



Latent TB Infection (LTBI)	OR	Active TB Disease
TB germ has entered the body, but is not growing (dormant)	Status	TB germ has entered the body and is growing (replicating)
Positive	Skin Test	May be positive or negative
No active TB disease	Chest X-Ray, CT scan, or MRI	Most show active TB in chest OR other parts of the body (e.g., lymph node, spine, kidney)
No TB germs in sputum	Sputum	May have TB germs in sputum
No symptoms	Symptoms	Symptoms become more severe over time (e.g., cough, chest pain, chills, weakness, fever, weight loss, night sweats, coughing up blood)
Not Contagious Cannot pass TB germ to anyone else	Infectiousness	Contagious If disease is in the lungs and not properly treated with medication
Person is at risk of developing disease in the future	Associated Risks	Person has disease and must be treated to prevent disease from getting worse or spreading to others
May be prescribed medications for 6-9 months to prevent disease from developing	Treatment	Requires treatment with several medications for at least 6 months to cure the disease

For more information
Public Health Agency of Canada,
Canadian Tuberculosis Standards,
7th Ed (or as current).



Adapted from "Positive TB Skin Test" by The Lung Association.

