

## Outpatient - TB Risk Assessment

Home Health, Home Infusion, Hospice (residential), Infirmaries, Mental Health Centers,  
Outpatient Chemical Dependency, Specialty Mental Health, Ambulatory Surgical Centers,  
& Outpatient Centers for Primary Care

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Facility \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Completed by \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

### PART A - INCIDENCE OF TB

1. Number of TB cases identified in your facility in the last year? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Number of TB cases identified in your county in the last year? \_\_\_\_\_

Obtain this information from your local health department or state website: <http://tb.hhs.mt.gov>

Comments:

### PART B - RISK CLASSIFICATION - Check category that applies

**LOW RISK**            \_\_\_\_\_ No TB cases  
                                 \_\_\_\_\_ < 3 pts with TB per year

**MEDIUM RISK**        \_\_\_\_\_  $\geq$  3pts with TB per year

**POTENTIAL ONGOING TRANSMISSION**        \_\_\_\_\_ Evidence of ongoing *M. tuberculosis* transmission

**PART C - CONSIDERATIONS TO DETERMINE IF HIGHER RISK CLASSIFICATION IS NEEDED FOR YOUR FACILITY** – The risk classification for your facility may be adjusted to a higher level of risk based on the answers to these questions. *For more information, call your local health department.*

1. Is there a relatively high prevalence of TB disease in the community your facility serves? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is there evidence of transmission of TB in your facility? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Is there a high prevalence of immunosuppressed patients or HCWs in your facility? \_\_\_\_\_

4. In the last year has your facility had any patients/employees with drug-resistant TB? \_\_\_\_\_

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**PART D - TUBERCULIN SKIN TESTING – TST**

1. Does your facility have a TB tuberculin skin-testing (TST) program for the health care workers (HCWs)? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Are the TST records maintained and where? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Who maintains these records? \_\_\_\_\_

4. List the TST conversion rate for: (number of positive TSTs divided by number tested)

- last year \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 years \_\_\_\_\_

**PART E – TB INFECTION CONTROL PLAN**

1. Does your facility have an Infection Control Plan for confirmed or suspected TB cases? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How are confirmed or suspected TB cases isolated? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Where are confirmed or suspected TB cases transferred? \_\_\_\_\_

4. When was this plan last updated? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Does the TB Infection Control Plan need to be updated? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Is there an Infection Control Committee for your facility? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Check the groups that are represented on the Infection Control Committee:

\_\_\_ Physician(s)

\_\_\_ Administrators

\_\_\_ Registered Nurse(s)

\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

*For help with Infection Control Plan call your local health department.*

Comments:

**PART F - IMPLEMENTATION OF TB INFECTION CONTROL PLAN**

1. Who is responsible for the implementation of the Infection Control Plan? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Does the Plan ensure prompt detection, airborne infection isolation, transfer and treatment of potentially infectious TB patients? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Is the Plan being properly implemented? \_\_\_\_\_

4 List ongoing infection control training and education available to your facility's HCWs.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Date for next TB Risk Assessment review \_\_\_\_\_

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**TB Screening based on Risk**

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Low Risk Setting

Less than 3 TB cases/year

No other risk factors  
(See PART C)

Low Risk TB Screening

- 2-step TST on hire if >18 years old; 1-step TST if ≤ 18 years old
- Medical evaluation, including a symptom assessment and chest x-ray if TST positive or symptomatic
- Evaluate for treatment of Latent TB Infection if active TB disease is ruled out
- No annual TST
- Annual symptoms assessment if TST positive, Latent TB Infection or prior Active TB Disease
- TST for unprotected exposure

Medium Risk Setting

3 or more TB cases/year

*Report ASAP  
to local health department*

Medium Risk TB Screening

- 2-step TST on hire if > 18 years old; 1-step if ≤ 18 years old
- Medical evaluation, including symptom assessment and chest x-ray if positive TST or symptomatic
- Evaluate for treatment of Latent TB Infection if active TB disease is ruled out
- Annual TST and symptom assessment
- TST for unprotected exposure

Potential Ongoing Transmission Setting

*Report to local health department ASAP*

Potential Ongoing Transmission TB Screening

*Report to local health department ASAP*

## Indications for Two-Step Tuberculin Skin Testing – TST

Employee & Patient TST Situation	Recommended TST Testing
1. No previous TST result	1. Two-step baseline TST if >18 years old (see#4 if ≤ 18 yrs)
2. Previous negative TST result >12 months before new employment	2. Two-step baseline TST
3. Previous documented negative TST result ≤12 months before employment	3. Single TST needed for baseline testing; this will be the second-step
4. ≥2 previous documented negative TSTs and most recent TST >12 months before employment; resident/employee ≤ 18 years old	4. Single TST; two-step is not necessary
5. Previous documented positive TST result	5. No TST; need TB symptom screen and baseline X-ray
6. Previous undocumented positive TST result	6. Two-step baseline TST
7. Previous BCG vaccination – BCG effect on TST results usually wanes after 5 years	7. Two-step baseline TST

### Definitions

Health-care Workers (HCWs) – HCWs include all paid and unpaid persons working in health-care settings.

On Hire – The administration and reading of the first step of the employee’s TST should be completed prior to beginning work. If the first TST is negative, the second TST should be placed 1-3 weeks later. Regardless of the initial TST result, no employee should be allowed to begin work if he/she has symptoms of active pulmonary TB until a complete TB medical evaluation has been completed and TB disease has been ruled out. If a new employee has a positive TST, the employee must have a medical evaluation to rule out active TB. Initiation of treatment for LTBI to prevent progression to disease should be strongly considered. If a new employee has documentation of a previous positive TST at the time of hire, but has not completed treatment for LTBI, initiation of treatment for LTBI should be strongly considered. Any employee who does not complete treatment for LTBI should be educated about the signs and symptoms of TB, and monitored for development of symptoms of infectious TB at least annually. Facilities can use the TB Symptom Assessment Form for this purpose. If a new employee is TST positive and has completed treatment for LTBI, also monitor annually using the TB Symptom Assessment Form. If an employee has documentation of cured active TB, also monitor annually with the TB Symptom Assessment Form.

TB Medical Evaluation – The purpose of the medical exam is to diagnose TB disease or LTBI, and to select treatment. A medical evaluation includes a medical history, a TB symptom screen, a physical exam, and diagnostic tests as needed (e.g. TST, chest x-ray, bacteriological exams, HIV testing).

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Annual Symptom Assessment – Complete this form for the following residents/employees who initially have had Active TB Disease ruled out:

1. Residents/employees with Latent TB Infection (with or without completion of therapy)
2. Residents/employees with prior Active TB Disease who have completed therapy

Chest X-ray – Residents/employees with a positive TST who have a normal chest x-ray should not have repeat chest x-rays performed routinely. Repeat x-rays are not needed unless TB signs or symptoms develop or a clinician recommends a repeat x-ray on a case-by-case basis. Employees or residents who have Latent TB Infection, with or without treatment, or cured Active TB Disease should be evaluated annually with a symptom assessment and educated about TB signs and symptoms and the need to report such symptoms if present.

### Definition of Active TB Disease vs. Latent TB Disease:

TB Disease	Latent TB Infection (LTBI)
Symptoms – cough $\geq$ 2-3 weeks with or without sputum production that may be bloody; chest pain; chills; fever; night sweats; loss of appetite; unexplained weight loss; weakness or easy fatigability; malaise	No symptoms  Do not feel sick
Can spread TB to others	Cannot spread TB to others
Usually have a positive TST Chest X-ray usually abnormal	Usually have a positive TST Chest X-ray normal
Report suspect or confirmed TB to local health department immediately	Not reportable to local health department, but call for assistance or consultation