

TUBERCULOSIS

What Is Tuberculosis?

Tuberculosis is a disease that spreads through the air from a sick person to a healthy person when the person with tuberculosis coughs, speaks or sings. Without treatment, the sick person may die

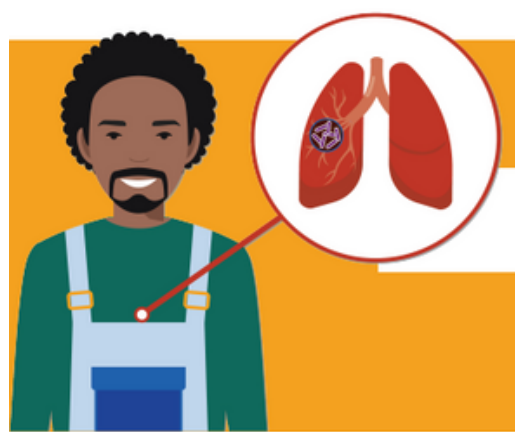
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Latent Tuberculosis infection

You can have a tuberculosis infection without developing symptoms or transmitting it to others. The microbes can become active later. This is known as **latent tuberculosis infection**

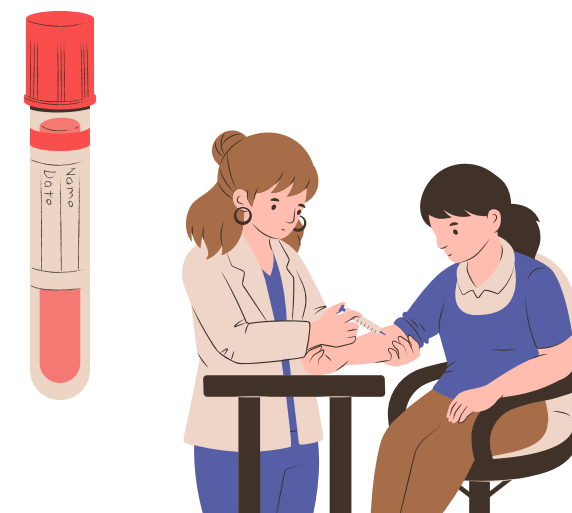


Fuente: <https://www.cdc.gov/tb>

How to check for a Latent Tuberculosis infection

You can have a blood test (IGRA) or the tuberculin test (Mantoux test)

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4 What to do if you have a negative IGRA or Mantoux test result

- It means you probably don't have a latent infection or illness
- Twelve weeks after your last contact with a person affected by tuberculosis, you should have the test again

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What to do if you have a positive IGRA or Mantoux test result

- It means that you have been infected with tuberculosis bacteria
- Your doctor will prescribe a chest X-ray and a sputum test
- You may be prescribed treatment for 3 to 6 months
- **It is very important to take your medication every day over the whole prescribed treatment period**

