

# Referral Process for Calgary TB Services

## Refer all symptomatic clients to Calgary TB Services as below:

- Complete Tuberculosis Referral form and follow process as outlined below

## Refer positive reactors to Calgary TB Services as below:

- Recent contacts of active TB case (regardless of age)
- TST converters (documented previous negative results within the past 2 years) (regardless of age)
- Individuals with medical conditions/therapies that increase risk of progression from LTBI to active disease (regardless of age)
- All foreign-born people less than 65 years of age who have originated from a **country with TB incidence > 200 per 100,000 and who have arrived** within the past five years. For TB incidence in individual countries see the World Health Organization TB country, regional and global profiles ([https://worldhealthorg.shinyapps.io/tb\\_profiles/](https://worldhealthorg.shinyapps.io/tb_profiles/))
- All **refugees and evacuees aged less than 65 years** originating from countries with TB incidence  $\geq 50$  per 100,000 **AND** have arrived in Canada within the past two years. For TB incidence in individual countries see the World Health Organization TB country, regional and global profiles ([https://worldhealthorg.shinyapps.io/tb\\_profiles/](https://worldhealthorg.shinyapps.io/tb_profiles/))
- Travelers at high risk of exposure to TB due to travel to countries with high TB prevalence (regardless of age)
- Individuals at risk for potential occupational exposure to infectious TB (see <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/hp/cdc/if-hp-cdc-ipsm-tuberculin-skin-test-hcs-appdx-f-08-302.pdf>)
  - With medical risk factors (regardless of age)
  - In addition to the medical risk factors listed on the biologics page, the following additional factors should be assessed for this group only
    - Diabetes
    - Heavy alcohol consumption (>3 drinks/day)
    - Smoke at least 1 pack of cigarettes a day
    - Underweight (<90% ideal body weight; for most people, this is a body mass index <20)
  - **OR** with radiologic descriptors demonstrated on chest x-ray (regardless of age). Refer to family physician for chest radiograph, using template form IMM 615 Services with TST result and interpretation. The physician can then refer to TB Services
- Individuals in correctional institutions (regardless of age)
- Ophthalmologist referred individuals for assessment of Uveitis

## Special Considerations

- Individuals who are eligible for TST but are known to have a **previous positive reaction** should be referred to their family physician (or referring physician) for a chest x-ray. Follow-up by the community health centre is **NOT** required.
- Positive reactors referred by a specialty program/physician should be referred back to that program, with TST result and interpretation. The program/physician can then refer to TB Services.

## Referral Process

- Complete referral form (found at <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/frm-07980.pdf>) and fax to Calgary TB Services
- Refer above positive reactors for chest radiograph (unless pregnant)
- Fax X-ray report with Tuberculosis Referral form and consult note to Calgary TB Services at: **403-291-9185**

## Calgary TB Services Contact Information

- Phone: **403-944-7660**
- For urgent referrals or consultation, please contact the On Call TB Physician at pager 14516 or via ROCA