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/)
• All refugees and evacuees aged less than 65 years originating from countries with TB incidence ≥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/)
• 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)
  o With medical risk factors (regardless of age)
  o 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)
  o 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