

Referral Procedure to Calgary TB Services

Refer all symptomatic clients to Calgary TB Services as below:

- Initial phone call to Calgary TB Services for consultation is recommended
- 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)
- Children 6 months to 14 years of age who have lived in a country with high TB prevalence and have immigrated within the past two years
- Refugees under 50 years of age from countries with high incidence of TB prevalence and have arrived within the past 2 years
- 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-ip-sm-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, 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.
- Phone: **403-944-7660** Fax: **403-291-9185**