

Tuberculosis (TB) Provincial Referral Process

For tuberculin skin test (TST) eligibility requirements, see the indications section of the [Tuberculin Purified Protein Derivative \(PPD\) \(Mantoux\) biological page](#). For additional TB clinic site information, see the [Alberta Referral Directory](#).

Active TB referral process

If active TB is suspected, make an urgent consultation request.

- A TST alone does not establish a diagnosis of active TB or exclude the possibility of active TB.
- Sputum samples may be required. Consult the clinic.

Calgary Zone

Contact Calgary TB Services (Sunridge)

Monday to Friday 8:30-16:30

Phone: 403-944-7660

Fax: 403-291-9185

After hours, weekends and holidays:

TB Calgary physician on call via ROCA

Edmonton Zone

Contact Edmonton TB Services (Aberhart Centre)

Monday to Friday 8:30-16:30

Phone: 780-407-4550

Fax: 780-407-4562

After hours, weekends and holidays:

TB physician on call via UAH switchboard

780-407-8822

North, Central and South Zones

Contact TB Central Services (Alberta wide)

Monday to Friday 8:30-16:30

Phone: 780-735-1464

Fax: 780-409-4206

After hours, weekends and holidays:

TB Central Service physician on call via UAH switchboard 780-407-8822

Positive reaction (positive reactors) TB referral process

If a client tests positive on a TST, the client's provider should order a 2 view CXR (PA & lateral) and then send a TB referral to a TB clinic.

- A chest x-ray (PA & lateral) is required prior to referral for latent TB infection. See zone specific details below.

Calgary Zone

Contact Calgary TB Services (Sunridge).

- A chest x-ray (PA & lateral) within the last **three months (90 days)** is required for referral.

For internal Connect Care users in Calgary Zone

Send an ambulatory referral order to Population & Public Health.

- For Calgary Sunridge Professional Centre, type **CGY SPC PROV TB** in the "To Department" section and complete order.

For non-Connect Care users in Calgary Zone

Complete and fax the [Tuberculosis Referral Form](#) to Calgary TB Services (Sunridge).

- Fax: 403.291.9185

Edmonton Zone

Contact Edmonton TB Services (Aberhart Centre).

- A chest x-ray (PA & lateral) within the last **six months** is required for referral.

For internal Connect Care users in Edmonton Zone

Send an ambulatory referral order to Population & Public Health.

- For Edmonton Aberhart Centre, type **EDM UAH AC PROV TB** in the “To Department” section and complete order.

For non-Connect Care users in Edmonton Zone

Complete and fax the [Tuberculosis Referral Form](#) to Edmonton TB Services.

- Fax: 780.407.4562

North, Central and South Zones

Contact TB Central Services (Alberta wide).

- TB Central services is a consultative service. Clients are seen in local Public Health Community Centres.
- A chest x-ray (PA & lateral) within the last **six months** is required for referral.
- 3 sputum samples (for AFB/TB culture) are required for Central TB Services in the following scenarios:
 - People with symptoms of active TB
 - Close household contacts of a person with active TB
 - People who are being screened for medical surveillance.

For internal Connect Care users in North, Central and South Zones

Send an ambulatory referral order to Population & Public Health.

- Refer to TB Central Services, South Tower Edmonton, type **EDM SSP PROV TB** in the “To Department” section and complete order.

For non-Connect Care users in North, Central and South Zones

Complete and fax the [Tuberculosis Referral Form](#) to TB Central Services.

- Fax: 780.409.4206

Special considerations (all zones)

- Individuals who are eligible for TST but are known to have a previous positive reaction do not require repeat TST testing. Instead, refer these clients to a TB clinic with updated symptom inquiry and chest radiograph.
- Refer individuals who have been sent by a specialty program/physician back to that program/physician with TST result and interpretation. They are responsible for arranging the chest x-ray and referring to their area TB clinic.