

Screening Children & Adolescents for LTBI

Use a Risk Factor Questionnaire, Not A Needle!

Test for latent TB infection (LTBI) with a TST (Tuberculin Skin Test) *only if risk factors are present.*

- If any risk factors are present (a YES answer), **Plant a TST.**
- If answers to all questions are NO, a TST is not indicated.

1. Was the child born outside the U.S.?

If yes then ask:

- Where was the child born?

If the child was born in Africa, Asia, Latin America, or Eastern Europe, **Plant a TST.**

2. Has the child traveled outside the U.S.?

If yes, then ask:

- Where did the child travel?
- With whom did the child stay?
- How long did the child stay?

If the child stayed with friends or family members in Africa, Asia, Latin America, or Eastern Europe, for 1 week or more (cumulatively), **Plant a TST.**

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3. Has the child been exposed to anyone with TB Infection?

If yes, then determine if the person had TB disease or LTBI.

- When did the exposure occur?
- What was the nature of the contact?

If confirmed that the child has been exposed to someone with suspected or known TB disease, **Plant a TST** and notify local health department as per local reporting guidelines.

4. Does the child have close contact with a person who has a positive TB skin test?

If yes, see Question 3 follow-up questions.

Also ask the following questions depending on the TB epidemiology in your area:

- Does the child spend time with anyone who has been in jail, prison, shelter, who uses illegal drugs, or has HIV?
- Has the child ever had raw milk or unpasteurized cheese?
- Is the child exposed to a household member who was born or has traveled outside the U.S.?

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