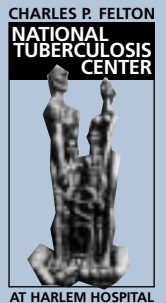


# PEOPLE WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM TB TESTING

- contact with someone with TB
- born in or visited countries where TB is common
- use drugs or excessive alcohol
- live or work in nursing homes, shelters, prisons
- exposed to TB on the job
- HIV-infected
- conditions such as diabetes, old TB, kidney problems, cancer



# LATENT TB INFECTION

vs.

# TB DISEASE (in the lungs)

Tuberculosis germ in the body

TB skin test usually positive

Chest X-ray usually  
**normal**

Sputum smears and  
cultures **negative**

**Do not feel sick**

**Can NOT give TB  
to others**

Chest X-ray usually  
**abnormal**

Sputum smears and  
cultures **positive**

**Symptoms** such as  
cough, fever,  
weight loss

**Often can give TB  
to others**  
before treatment

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# TESTING & TREATMENT OF LATENT TB INFECTION

**TB SKIN TEST** (safe, read in 48-72 hours)

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if positive

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**MEDICAL EVALUATION** (X-ray, physical exam, questions)

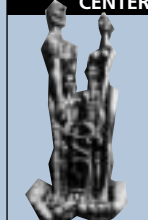
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if appropriate for treatment

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**START TREATMENT** (several choices 2-9 months)

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follow-up and support

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**COMPLETE TREATMENT**  
**Protects Against TB Disease**

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# WHAT WE OFFER

- education about TB
- TB skin test, our place or yours
- training for staff
- educational materials
- state-of-the-art care at no cost to the patient
- medicines for TB infection and TB disease
- directly observed treatment (DOT)
- incentives (MetroCards, others)
- social support and services
- HIV testing, HIV care
- linkage to other services

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# WORKING TOGETHER

- CBO can refer clients to TB Center for all TB services.
- TB Center staff can provide education and skin testing for clients at CBO site, then refer positive clients to TB Center.
- CBO staff can be trained to do education and skin testing, then refer positive clients to TB Center.



**TB DISEASE** →

**LATENT TB  
INFECTION  
(LTBI)**

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