



# Tuberculosis (TB)

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## About

Tuberculosis is a disease caused by germs that are spread from person to person through the air.

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## Signs and Symptoms

Common symptoms of active tuberculosis disease include cough, chest pain, and coughing up blood.

## Testing for Tuberculosis

The tuberculosis (TB) blood test and the TB skin test are the two types of tests for TB infection.

## Treatment

Both inactive tuberculosis (TB) and active TB disease can be treated.

## For Professionals



### TB Prevention in Healthcare Settings

U.S. health care settings should have a TB infection control plan.

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### General Public Communication and Education Resources

CDC has a range of tuberculosis (TB) communication resources for the public.



### Tuberculosis Personal Stories

Highlights the experiences of people diagnosed and treated for inactive TB and active TB disease.



### Think. Test. Treat TB

Think. Test. Treat TB aims to increase awareness and understanding about inactive tuberculosis.

