

# Los Angeles County Adult Tuberculosis Risk Assessment

- Use this tool to identify asymptomatic **adults** for TB infection testing
- Re-testing should only be done in persons who previously tested negative, and have **new** risk factors since the last assessment
- For TB symptoms or abnormal chest x-ray consistent with active TB disease → Evaluate for active TB disease  
*Complete evaluation for active TB disease includes: symptom screen, chest x-ray, and if indicated, sputum AFB smears, cultures, and nucleic acid amplification testing. A negative tuberculin skin test or interferon gamma release assay does not rule out active TB disease.*

Check appropriate risk factor boxes below.

TB infection testing is recommended if any of the 4 boxes below are checked.

If TB infection test result is positive and active TB disease is ruled out, TB infection treatment is recommended.

## Birth, travel, or residence in a country with an elevated TB rate for at least 1 month

- Includes countries other than the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, or Western and Northern European countries
- If resources require prioritization within this group, **prioritize** patients with at least one medical risk for progression (see Fact Sheet for list)
- Interferon Gamma Release Assay is preferred over Tuberculin Skin Test for non-U.S.-born persons  $\geq 2$  years old

## Immunosuppression, current or planned

- HIV infection, organ transplant recipient, treated with TNF-alpha antagonist (e.g., infliximab, etanercept, others), steroids equivalent of prednisone  $\geq 15$  mg/day for  $\geq 1$  month) or other immunosuppressive medication

## Close contact to someone with infectious TB disease at any time

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates that the evaluation of contacts and treatment of infected contacts is an important component of the U.S. strategy for TB elimination

## History of homelessness or incarceration

- The U.S. Preventive Service Task Force (USPSTF) recommends screening populations at increased risk for TB infection based on increased risk of exposure including persons who have lived in high-risk congregate settings (e.g. homeless shelters and correctional facilities)

## None; no TB testing is indicated at this time.

Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessment Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

(Place sticker here if applicable)

See the [Los Angeles County Adult Tuberculosis Risk Assessment User Guide](#) for more information about using this tool.

Adapted for LAC use from the California Tuberculosis Risk Assessment available on the PROVIDERS page at [www.ctca.org](http://www.ctca.org)

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