



Registered Nursing Competencies for Tuberculosis Screening Chest X-ray (CXR) and Tuberculin Skin Test (TST):

Core Nursing Practice Competencies for Tuberculosis Screening – CXR & TST			
KNOWLEDGE of:	SKILL in:	JUDGMENT regarding:	ATTITUDE that:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of etiology, pathophysiology, transmission, epidemiology and communicability risk factors and clinical manifestations of TB disease and infection • Screening and diagnostic tests and findings related to the identification of infection and or disease with <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> • Determinants of health as it pertains to TB screening, infection and TB disease • Cultural beliefs and attitudes over generations regarding TB screening and treatment • Signs & symptoms, testing, complications, diagnostic findings in regards to TB and TB treatment • Treatment protocols, pharmacological applications and adverse treatment events • Education and counselling techniques • Awareness of available educational and community resources • Documentation and reporting requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ascertaining clients' knowledge of their TB screening and experiences • Obtaining a TB health history • Performing relevant TB screening – TST; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ability to correctly plant a TST • ability to read and interpret TST results • ability to communicate appropriate information, follow up directions and education to the client • Collecting specimens, ordering appropriate tests • Initiating relevant TB screening - CXR • Providing appropriate education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determining TB screening requirements • Determining appropriate strategy for notification of contacts • Implementing/promoting infection control strategies appropriately • Referring clients to appropriate next-level services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respects client's choices and beliefs • Demonstrates self awareness of own beliefs, values, and practice limitations • Demonstrates sensitivity regarding impact of TB diagnoses; infectious disease surveillance, reporting, and contact tracing