

Clinical Prevention Service BC Centre for Disease Control 655 West 12th Avenue Vancouver, BC V5Z 4R4

www.bccdc.ca

Date: July 15, 2014 Administrative Circular: 2014:11

ATTN: Medical Health Officers and Branch Offices

Public Health Nursing Administrators and Assistant Administrators

Holders of Communicable Disease Control Manuals

Re: Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual,

Chapter 4 - Tuberculosis

Revised and Updated Decision Support Tools (DSTs)

(1) Tuberculin Skin Testing (TST) for Tuberculosis (TB) Screening

(2) Chest X-ray for Tuberculosis Screening

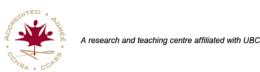
The Decision Support Tools for Tuberculin Skin Testing for TB Screening and Chest X-ray for TB Screening have been changed substantially. Please disregard and discard all former copies.

The revised DST for TB Screening has been formatted and included in the BCCDC Communicable Disease Manual to align with other non-certified practice DSTs developed by BC Centre for Disease Control as the named agency by the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia.

A list of the major changes is included below.

- The amalgamation of the TST and CXR DSTs into one TB Screening DST
- BCCDC TB Control name changed to BCCDC TB Services
- The inclusion of additional definitions
- The addition of a section on immigration
- The addition of a section on screening HIV positive clients for TB
- Expanded section on sputum collection





Please remove and destroy the following pages:

- (1) Tuberculin Skin Testing (TST) for Tuberculosis (TB) Screening
- (2) Chest X-ray for Tuberculosis Screening

Please insert the following pages in the Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 4 – Tuberculosis:

(1) Tuberculosis Screening Decision Support Tool - July 2014

http://www.bccdc.ca/NR/rdonlyres/2E4588BB-74F7-49D2-AB33-65050D517344/0/TB DST noncertified 20140715.pdf

(2) Registered Nursing Competencies for Tuberculosis Screening – July 2014

http://www.bccdc.ca/NR/rdonlyres/5A9B01AD-2BD3-46B1-9878-EE7D69A35CA0/0/TB RN competencies 20140715.pdf

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a TB Nurse Consultant at (604) 707-5678 or by email at TBNurseConsultants@bccdc.ca

Sincerely,

Gina Ogilvie, MD MSc FCFP DrPH

Medical Director

Clinical Prevention Services BC Centre for Disease Control

Brogum

pc: BC Ministry of Health:

Dr. Perry Kendall Dr. Eric Young

Provincial Health Officer Deputy Provincial Health Officer

Craig Thompson

Director, CD Prevention - Immunization

Warren O'Briain Executive Director

Communicable Disease and Addiction Prevention



