

Tuberculosis Infections (TB)

Tuberculosis is a lung infection that is spread when someone coughs or sneezes the bacteria into the air.

You can get it by inhaling air containing the Tuberculosis bacteria.

You usually need to be in close contact with someone who has Tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis usually affects the lungs, but it can also affect other body parts.

How Tuberculosis spreads

- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Sharing smokes/ pipes

What to do if you are sick

If you think you might have Tuberculosis or if you've been around someone who has it, it's a good idea to see a health care provider.

You may be asked to:

- Have a skin test
- Go for a chest x-ray
- Give phlegm samples

Symptoms



Extreme fatigue



Fever



Unexplained weight loss



Coughing for over 3 weeks



Drenching night sweats



Shortness of breath or chest pain



Coughing up blood



Swollen lymph nodes

Getting treated for Tuberculosis

Cough and other symptoms can be caused by a variety of things. If you have Tuberculosis, it is treatable and your doctor might want you to take antibiotics. Make sure you take your medications as prescribed and finish the full course of your prescription.