



**SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH • TUBERCULOSIS (TB) CLINIC**  
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**REFERRAL INSTRUCTIONS**

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Fax this form and accompanying documents to 628-206-4565. Only patients with risk factors for tuberculosis should be tested. For a review of risk factors for tuberculosis, please refer to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Tuberculosis Risk Assessment Form available at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/TB-Risk-Assessment.aspx>

**DOCUMENTATION TO INCLUDE WITH ALL REFERRALS:**

1. Consultation question and relevant clinical history including most recent progress note
2. Xray or other imaging report (send electronic imaging files if possible) and relevant laboratory studies
3. Documented discussion for approved reason for consult. Include name of the TB Clinic staff member spoken to.

**REFERRAL CRITERIA:**

**A. Shelter or program clearance:**

1. Walk-in TB testing M, Tu & W from 8:30-12:30
2. Medical evaluation for clients with documented positive TB test: appointment preferred, call 628-206-8524 to schedule, or walk-in during these hours: Mon 1:30 – 3:30, Tu 8:30-3:30, Th 8:30-3:30, Fri 8:30 – 10:30

**B. Complicated latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) defined as a positive TB test (skin test\* or blood test) and chest Xray not consistent with active TB and one high risk factor for progression or treatment complexity.**

1. Abnormal chest Xray consistent with old, healed TB
2. Immunosuppression: HIV infection, transplant recipient, treatment with TNF-alpha antagonist, steroids (equivalent of prednisone  $\geq 15$  mg/day for  $\geq 1$  month) or other immunosuppressive medication
3. End-stage renal disease on hemodialysis
4. Children under 5 years of age (0-4 years old)
5. Contact to an active case or new TB test conversion to positive (previously documented negative test)
6. Intolerant of two or more [LTBI regimens](#) or underlying liver disease with abnormal LFTs
7. On medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorder
8. For other complications or categories not listed, please call the clinic to discuss the referral & include documentation of your discussion with the referral

**C. Evaluation for active TB disease including patients with the clinical syndrome below:**

1. Symptoms concerning for TB (e.g., cough  $>3$  weeks, fever, weight loss, night sweats, hemoptysis); AND
2. Chest X-ray findings concerning for active TB (for example: cavities, nodules, infiltrates). If in doubt, ask your radiologist for assistance
3. Tuberculin skin test (TST) or interferon gamma release assay blood test (IGRA) may be positive OR negative
4. Epidemiologic risk factors as outlined in the CDPH Tuberculosis Risk Assessment Form above may be helpful to determine likelihood of TB diagnosis

Cases with high likelihood of active tuberculosis must be reported within 1 working day by California law (Title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR) §2500). To report cases of likely active tuberculosis call the SF TBPCP reporting line (628) 206-3398. Full reporting instructions can be found on our website at URL: <https://www.sfdcp.org/tb-control/tuberculosis-information-for-medical-providers/reporting-tb-to-the-health-department/>

\*A positive skin test is defined as induration of:

- $\geq 5$ mm in recent contacts to an active case of TB, children under age 5 and patients with immune suppression.
- $\geq 10$ mm for all others (see [CTCA-CDPH guidelines](#))