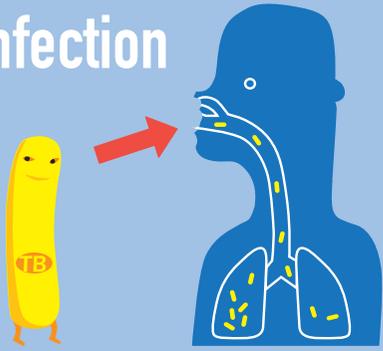


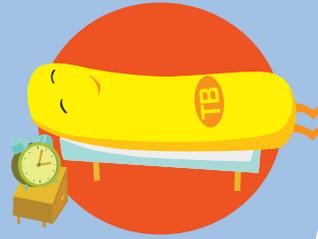
Infection



If you breathe the TB germ, it can settle in the lungs.

TB infection

- The germ remains "asleep" or inactive.
- There are no symptoms.
- It can't be spread to others.
- It can develop into active TB disease.



Being infected with TB germ is not the same as having TB disease

TB disease

The germ becomes active and destroys lung tissue. There are symptoms and it can be spread to others.



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TUBERCULIN SKIN TEST

It can be used to find out if you've got the infection, but not the disease.



A small injection is made just under the skin. In two or three days there may be a small amount of swelling.

If there's no swelling, you're not infected

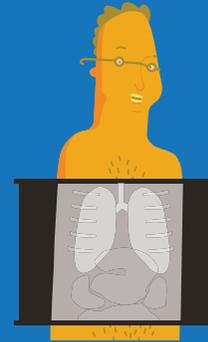


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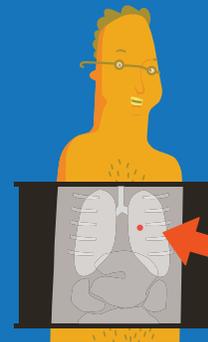


X-RAY

It is used to see if you've got the active disease. It checks for any damage in the lungs.



If there is no damage, YOU DON'T HAVE TB disease



If there is damage, YOU DO HAVE TB disease

PREVENTIVE THERAPY

It keeps you from developing the disease.



Even if the symptoms DISAPPEAR, you must finish the entire course of treatment to AVOID getting active disease.

TREATMENT

Treatment is very long. You must not stop treatment early or you may become sick again. Treatment will cure the disease.



Although you feel fine, you must take all medicines for the FULL LENGTH of treatment in order to be CURED.



Remember:



- If you get a cough that lasts two or three weeks, see your doctor.
- Everyone who lives with someone who's got TB should take the tuberculin skin test to find out if they've been infected.



- Treatment prevents the TB germ from waking up and becoming active.



- TB can be completely cured if a full course of treatment is followed correctly.



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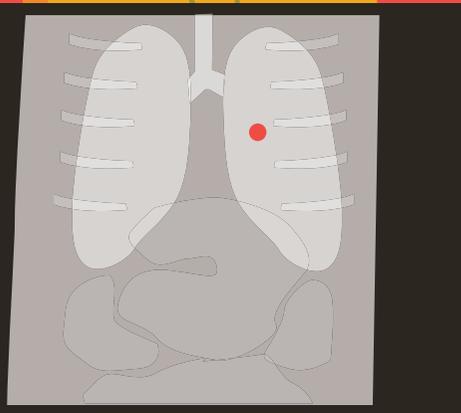
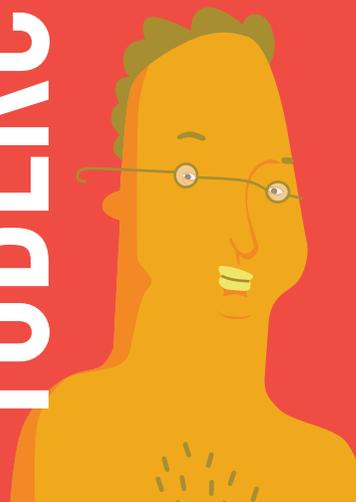


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TUBERCULOSIS



Tuberculosis can be cured if you complete a full course of treatment

What is TUBERCULOSIS?

Tuberculosis (TB) is an infectious disease caused by bacteria, which usually affect the lungs. It can be cured if the prescribed medicines are taken correctly for the full length of treatment.



It's CONTAGIOUS



TB spreads through air by sneezing, coughing, spitting, etc.

SYMPTOMS

- Cough that lasts 15 days or more
- Slight fever
- Tiredness
- Weight loss



If you've got these symptoms or live with someone who has TB, you should see your doctor to get a

tuberculin skin test

Anyone can take this test, even pregnant women, children and people with allergies.

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