



TB testing

All testing must take place in the United States at a licensed medical facility.

Either a TB skin or blood test is acceptable if no previous positive results and the following criteria is met:

TB Skin Test (TST)

A TB skin test (*TST*) may be obtained if you:

- were born or lived in a country with low incidence of TB (includes the U.S., Canada, Europe and Australia) and have never had a positive TB skin test
- do not meet any of the criteria listed for a blood test for TB (see below)

Results must include:

1. date placed
2. date read
3. reading (mm of induration)
4. interpretation (negative or positive)

Blood Test

A *blood test* (includes QuantiFERON or T-Spot) for TB screening is required if you:

- have had a positive TB skin test in the past and have not taken antibiotics or if antibiotics were taken for less than a month; and/or
- were born or lived in a country with a high incidence of TB (includes Mexico and most countries in Central America, South America, Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa) ; and/or
- have had BCG (Bacille Calmette-Guerin) immunization; and/or
- have/had cancer, leukemia, diabetes, kidney disease, HIV/AIDS; and/or
- take an immunosuppressive medication such as prednisone; and/or
- have a history of drug or alcohol abuse; and/or
- have been told you have/had an atypical mycobacteria infection.

Chest X-Ray

A *Chest X-Ray* for TB screening is required if:

Results from skin or blood test are positive (previously or currently).