

Treatment of Active Tuberculosis

What does my test show?

Your tuberculosis skin test shows that you have active tuberculosis in your lungs. Tuberculosis is a serious disease that can damage your lungs if it is not treated. Tuberculosis is easily spread from person to person, so please bring in your friends and any people who live with you so they may be checked for exposure to tuberculosis. Your doctor will prescribe several medicines to fight the germ that causes tuberculosis. It is important that you take all of the medicine and not miss one dose.

What is the treatment for active tuberculosis?

You will take several medicines to control the germ that causes tuberculosis. It's very important that you take all the medicine given to you. For the medicines to work at curing your tuberculosis, you must not skip a single dose.

Avoid drinking alcohol or taking acetaminophen (Tylenol) while you're taking the tuberculosis medicine. Tell your doctor about any other medicines you may be taking.

Your doctor may also order several sputum and blood tests to be done while you are being treated for tuberculosis. These tests can be done by the nurse or at a clinic.



Call your doctor immediately if you have any of the symptoms listed here

- Abdominal pain
- Continued loss of appetite
- Dark (coffee-colored) urine
- Fever
- Nausea
- Rash or itching
- Tingling or burning feeling in your hands or feet
- Tiredness without reason
- Vomiting
- Yellow color of eyes or skin
- Blurred vision



This handout provides a general overview on this topic and may not apply to everyone. To find out if this handout applies to you and to get more information on this subject, talk to your family doctor.

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