



Who might get sick?



People who have lived or spent time with someone with TB



People with a medical condition or having treatment that affects their immune system



Young children



People born in or who have lived in countries with a lot of TB

What should I do?



See your GP or local TB clinic



Get a chest x-ray



Give a sputum sample

TB testing and treatment is **free for everyone** at NSW TB clinics



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Tuberculosis (TB)



for families and the community

What is TB?



TB is an infection caused by TB bacteria or germs



TB is spread through the air



TB is cured with special antibiotics



Symptoms of TB may include:



Coughing for more than 2 weeks



Cough with mucous or blood



Fevers, chills or night sweats



Losing weight quickly



Always feeling tired



Loss of appetite



Lumps or swelling or pain

Latent or 'sleeping' TB



TB germs can sleep in your body and not make you sick



You cannot pass sleeping TB germs to other people



Sleeping TB can wake up and make you sick



A TB skin test or blood test can find sleeping TB



Sleeping TB can be treated with special antibiotics to stop the TB germs from waking up