

MEMORANDUM

Please share with your Health Care Provider Colleagues

Date: June 12, 2017
To: Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Health Care Providers
From: Margaret Hendriks, Manager Infectious Disease and Vaccine Preventable Programs, Community Health Protection Department
Subject: Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit's *new* Latent TB Screening Program

The LGL Health Unit has revised their LTBI program and indications for performing TSTs in accordance with the Canadian Tuberculosis Standards (chp 6 Table 1, chp 13 Table 4 & 1 and chp 15 Table 6), identified needs of the community, and in light of the directive from the MOHLTC outlining the use of provincially funded tubersol (March 24, 2017 memo for TB Day).

To make a referral and/or if you have any questions, please call 613 345-5685 or 613 283-2740 and ask to speak to a nurse on the Infectious Disease Team.

The Health Unit will do TSTs in the following situations:

- A. To identify individuals with increased risk of LTBI (*eligible for publicly funded tubersol*):
- Close contact of active pulmonary TB case
 - Residents age 65 or under prior to admission to Long-Term Care Home
 - Clients referred by physicians due to increased risk of prior exposure to TB and LTBI.
- They may include:
- Individuals between ages 12 and 65 that have medical comorbidities that put them at moderate increased risk of TB reactivation (i.e. diabetes, immunosuppressant medications such as glucocorticoids)
 - Individuals age 12+ with HIV
 - Individuals requiring admission to treatment rehabilitation centres
- B. To determine a baseline with a two-step TST (if indicated), from which to assess subsequent possible TB exposure (*payable tubersol*)
- Employment and/or volunteer requirements for Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes
- C. To determine if travelers ** to TB endemic countries (>30/100,000 population of ALL TB cases) are exposed to TB while away (*payable tubersol*)
- If > 50 years and at higher risk of prior TB exposure, (i.e. foreign born, current or previous IDU, Aboriginal people, health care workers, or those with pre-existing liver disease), do a two-step pre travel and a single TST post travel
 - For all other travellers, do single TST 2 months after return

** Travellers include those who: a) anticipate contact of one month or more with local residents in health care setting, or b) stay for 3 months or more with or without contact in a health care setting.