

TB Testing and Surveillance for Patients – Tip Sheet

• Newly admitted patients will be medically evaluated to exclude active TB disease and to identify persons with latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI).

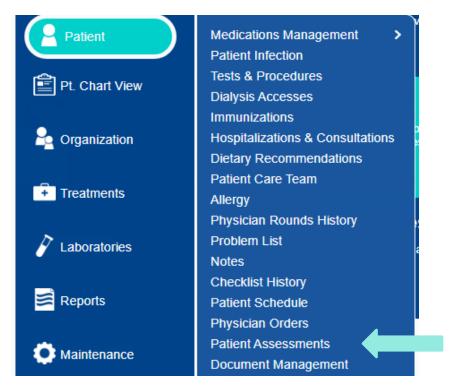
This includes one of the following screening tests obtained **prior to** admission to NKC:

- A. A baseline 2-step TST (Tuberculin Skin Test) within one month prior to admission to NKC.
- B. An Interferon Gamma Release Assay (e.g. QuantiFERON-TB Gold, T-Spot) within one month prior to admission to NKC.
- C. A baseline chest radiograph **within one month prior to admission to NKC.** (result determination by Medical Director or CMO)
- **After admission**, patients will have the following symptom screening and risk assessment at the NKC clinic:
- A. A TB Symptom Check and Risk assessment documented in the NKC EMR within the first month of admission. This is part of the Nursing Assessment (CIA) checklist.
- B. A TB Symptom Check documented annually. This is part of the Nursing Assessment (CIA) checklist.

NOTE: TB skin tests are not required in the clinic for new or existing patients **unless** there is concern of TB exposure, the patient has a positive TB symptom check, or the patient requires one for travel.

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- How to Document the TB Symptom Check and Risk Assessment:
 - Go to Clarity \rightarrow Patient \rightarrow Patient Assessments



Select "Nursing Assessment (CIA)"

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Nursing Assessment (CIA)	•	GO

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 Answer the "TB Symptom Check" questions under the Respiratory section.

Respiratory		
TB Symptom Check	No Symptoms	
	Cold symptoms and/or cough persisting without improvement for > 3wks	
	Increased sputum associated with coughing spells	
	Coughing up blood	
	Recent unexplained weight loss	
	Recent persistent tiredness/weakness beyond what is usually experienced	
	Recent loss of appetite beyond what is usually experienced	
	C Recent consistent night sweats	
	Occasional fevers	
	C Recent hoarseness in voice	
	\Box Chest pain associated with coughing spells	
	□ Temporarily or permanently resided (>=1 month) in a country with a high TB rate (any country other than the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and those in Northern Europe or Western Europe)?	
	Current or planned immunosuppression (including HIV, organ transplant, chronic steroids, or other immunosuppressive medication)?	
	Close contact with someone who has had infectious TB disease since the last TB test?	