

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 → Patient → Patient Assessments



- Select "Nursing Assessment (CIA)"

Load Checklist

Nursing Assessment (CIA)

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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
- Recent consistent night sweats
- Occasional fevers
- Recent hoarseness in voice
- 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?