

Fact sheet

Central Adelaide Respiratory and Sleep (Thoracic) Medicine Service

Clinical Information Sheet

Clinical Condition	Suspected TB exposure or Immune suppressive risk in asymptomatic patients
Eligibility	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suspected TB contact• Immune suppressed patient for assessment of TB risk• Proposed immune suppressive treatment (eg TNF-α inhibitors)• New arrivals from high TB prevalence countries• Abnormal CXR suggestive of past TB infection
Priority	Immediate priority, urgent or semi-urgent: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immune suppressed patient with suspected history of recent TB exposure.•
Differential Diagnoses	TB infection (no disease) Inactive TB disease
Information required with referral	History: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Known TB contact• HIV status or other immunosuppression• Immigration status – eg recent arrivals from endemic areas.• Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) status• Other co-morbidities and medications• Health care worker <p>Other medical and allied health practitioners the patient has seen concerning this problem.</p>
Investigations required with referral	Quantiferon TB Gold Assay (optional) Any previous/current radiology
Pre-Referral management strategies (include with referral)	Nil specific

For more information

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