

Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) has placed your patient on medical surveillance due to findings on their immigration medical examination.

Complete the attached form and Fax to Lakelands Public Health at Fax: 705-743-2897. Forward all additional test results as they become available.

During the first visit, obtain/conduct:

1. a comprehensive history, including a review of previous treatment of tuberculosis, family history of tuberculosis and/or contact with respiratory tuberculosis
2. a chest x-ray
3. a physical examination
4. a sputum specimen if client has active TB symptoms, abnormal chest x-ray or a history of respiratory TB disease (at least one, but preferably three, sputum specimens (may be induced) for AFB smear and culture for mycobacterium TB)
5. A TST or IGRA for those without active TB. If client reports a previous positive TST, positive IGRA or has been previously treated for TB **do not** repeat

Treatment of Latent Tuberculosis Infection: Those identified as having LTBI should be considered for treatment as outlined in Chapter 6, Tuberculosis preventive treatment in adults, of the Canadian Tuberculosis Standards, 8th edition. Drugs are available free of charge for the treatment of tuberculosis through public health. If treatment is prescribed, forward the prescription and relevant clinical information to Lakelands Public Health to facilitate publicly-funded treatment. If chemoprophylaxis is refused or contraindicated, counsel the patient about the signs and symptoms of active TB and when to seek medical attention. Those who have completed an adequate and well-documented course of LTBI treatment should be advised to seek medical attention promptly if symptoms of active TB develop and inform their health care provider about their history of medical surveillance for TB.

Payment

- Medical examination and relevant tests are eligible for payment through OHIP or the Interim Federal Health Plan (Please note: IGRA is NOT covered by OHIP).
- Patients without OHIP or Interim Federal Health (e.g. visitors) are billed directly.
- Uninsured patients in which active TB is suspected may be eligible for coverage through the TB-UP program. Call Lakelands Public Health at 1-844-575-4567 to determine eligibility.

Additional Resources

- Peterborough Public Health, Infectious Diseases Program Nurse 705-743-1000 ext. 131.
- Canadian TB Standards: <https://www.linksmedicus.com/news/canadian-tuberculosis-standards-8th-edition/>
- Public Health Agency of Canada: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/tuberculosis-tb.html>
- BCG Atlas: <http://www.bcgatlas.org/>

TST in 3D: The Online TST/IGRA Interpreter: <http://www.tstin3d.com/en/calc.html>

