

Tuberculosis (TB)

What is TB?

TB is a serious but curable infectious disease. It usually affects the lungs but can spread to other parts of the body.

How do you catch TB?

It is usually spread through the air from someone with the infectious form of TB. The germ gets into the air when that person coughs, sneezes or talks.

Who can get TB?

Anyone can get TB but it is difficult to catch. It is more likely to be passed on from people who spend a lot of time with someone with infectious TB.

How is TB treated?

TB is curable. Treatment consists of a long course of special antibiotics.

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This factsheet describes the symptoms of tuberculosis, how it is caught, who is affected and how it is treated.

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