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SEE YOUR DOCTOR:

- If you have any symptoms that you suspect may be from tuberculosis
- If you have been living with somebody with tuberculosis



It is not transmitted



Be careful



And now, look after yourself and your loved ones

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TUBERCULOSIS

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TUBERCULOSIS



What is it?

Tuberculosis (TB) is a disease caused by a bacterium known as **Koch's bacillus**, which usually affects the lungs. It can be cured if a full course of a treatment is completed.

How **IS** TB transmitted?



TB is airborne, so it can be transmitted when a person with TB coughs, spits, sneezes...

How is TB **NOT** transmitted?



You can share cutlery and glasses.



You can shake hands, hug and greet a person with TB.



TB is not hereditary.

TWO THINGS CAN HAPPEN AFTER INFECTION:

INFECTION (the bacillus is dormant):

There is **NO** disease. It is **NOT** transmitted.



The **tuberculin test** (Mantoux) is used to detect the disease. It consists of an injection in the skin of the forearm.

If the area of skin swells up, this means the person has been **infected** with the TB bacillus.



In this case it is necessary to **prevent the activation** of the disease.

The treatment consists of taking a single tablet for several months.

It is **essential** to finish the entire treatment.

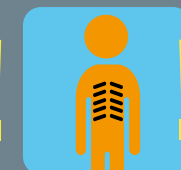
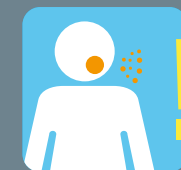


DISEASE (the bacillus is active)

The disease **IS** present. It **IS** transmitted.

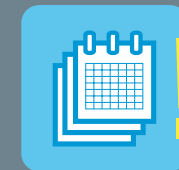
Relatives and other cohabitants must go to the doctor for the tuberculin test.

What are the symptoms?



- Persistent cough
- Fever
- Weight loss

How is it treated?



In this case, the disease **must be treated**.

The treatment consists of taking several tablets for several months.

To be cured, it is **essential** to go to medical checkups and complete the full treatment.

How is it detected?



It is detected by an X-ray and a sputum test.