

I had the TB vaccine (BCG)  
in my home country.  
Can I still get TB?



People who had the TB vaccine  
can still get TB

TB vaccine protection  
**goes away over time**

Even if you had the vaccine,  
a positive blood test means you  
have LTBI

Taking **LTBI medicine** will **protect**  
**you from active TB**

Will having LTBI delay my  
immigration application?



Taking medicine for LTBI  
will **NOT** slow down your  
immigration application



Your immigration doctor  
will let your local health  
department know that  
you have LTBI



The local health department  
may reach out to you  
**to provide support**

If you need help finding a doctor who  
can order your medicine for LTBI, call  
your local health department:

What does having  
latent  
tuberculosis (LTBI)  
mean for me?



You can treat LTBI and stop  
you and your loved ones from  
getting sick



## What is LTBI? How did I get it?

LTBI is an infection with TB germs that are latent (or sleeping) in your body

You got LTBI from **sharing air** with someone who was sick with active TB

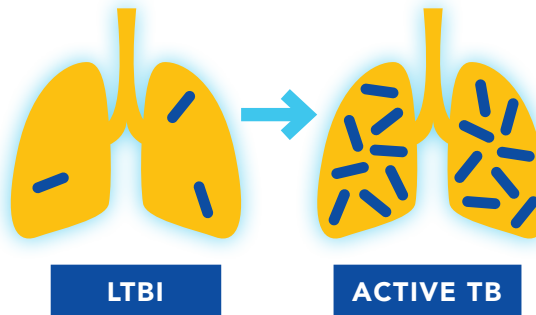
**You can have LTBI even if you had a TB vaccine (BCG)**

There are **many differences** between LTBI and active TB:

| A person with LTBI:                                 | A person with active TB:                         |
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| Does not feel sick                                  | May feel sick                                    |
| Has a normal chest X-ray                            | May have an abnormal X-ray                       |
| <b>Cannot spread TB germs to others</b>             | <b>Can spread TB germs to others</b>             |
| Treatment can prevent active TB                     | Treatment can cure active TB                     |
| <b>Treatment is shorter (3-4 months) and easier</b> | <b>Treatment is longer (6-12 months or more)</b> |

## Why should I take medicine for LTBI?

If you don't take medicine for LTBI, it can become active TB



Active TB is a **serious illness** that can make you very sick



**Half** of people with active TB **are hospitalized**



**1 in 6** people with active TB **die within 5 years**

## How can I get medicine for LTBI?

**Ask the immigration doctor** if they can order the medicine for you

If they can't, **go to your regular doctor and ask them to order the medicine** for you (bring your blood test paperwork with you)

You can also contact your local health department to refer you to a clinic for treatment

**If you don't take the medicine, you have a 1 in 10 chance** that your LTBI will become active TB

**Protect yourself from getting active TB and spreading it to your loved ones**