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 affect my immigration status?



Having and taking medicine for LTBI will NOT affect your newly acquired legal permanent resident status



The immigration doctor appointed by the local U.S. embassy or consulate in your country that conducted your medical examination is responsible for reporting the results of all required tests and consultation including your LTBI diagnosis

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



You can treat LTBI and prevent active TB



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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:

Does not feel sick

Has a normal

chest X-ray

Cannot spread TB germs to others

Treatment can prevent active TB

Treatment is shorter (3-4 months) and less pills

A person with active TB:

May feel sick

May have an abnormal X-ray

Can spread TB germs to others

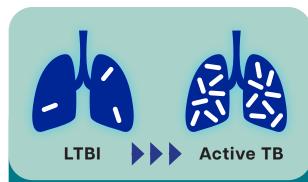
Treatment can cure active TB

Treatment is longer (6-12 months or more) and more pills



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?

You can see your family doctor, the medical clinic you regularly visit or check the community clinic list we have included.

Bring the referral letter including the packet you received

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

Protect yourself

from getting active TB and spreading it to your loved ones