

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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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)



Why should I take medicine for LTBI?

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



LTBI ►►► Active TB

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



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

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



Half

of people with active TB **are hospitalized**



1 in 6

people with active TB **die within 5 years**

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