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





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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

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Treatment can prevent active TB

Treatment is shorter (3-4 months) and easier

A person with active TB:

May feel sick

May have an abnormal X-ray

Can spread TB germs to others

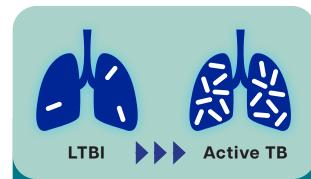
Treatment can cure active TB

Treatment is longer (6-12 months or more)



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