Swarthmore College Tuberculosis Screening Questionnaire

Part I: Tuberculosis (TB) Screening Questionnaire (to be completed by incoming students)

Please answer the following questions:

Have you ever had close contact with persons known or suspected to have active TB disease?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Were you born in one of the countries or territories listed below that have a high incidence of active TB?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Afghanistan  Comoros  India  Namibia  Somalia
Albania  Congo  Indonesia  Nauru  South Africa
Algeria  Côte d'Ivoire  Iraq  Nepal  South Sudan
Angola Democratic People's Republic of Korea  Kenya  Nicaragua  Sri Lanka
Argentina Democratic Republic of the Congo  Kiribati  Kuwait  Sudan
Armenia  Djibouti  Kyrgyzstan  Swaziland
Azerbaijan  Lao People's Democratic Republic  Tanzania (United Republic of)
Bangladesh  Dominican Republic  Latvia
Belarus  Ecuador  Lesotho
Belize  El Salvador  Liberia
Benin  Equatorial Guinea  Libya
Bhutan  Eritrea  Lithuania
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)  eSwatini  Madagascar
Bosnia and Herzegovina  Ethiopia  Malawi
Botswana  Fiji  Malaysia
Brazil  French Polynesia  Maldives
Brunei Darussalam  Gabon  Mali
Bulgaria  Gambia  Marshall Islands
Burkina Faso  Georgia  Mauritania
Burundi  Ghana  Mexico
Cabo Verde  Grenada  Micronesia (Federated States of)
Cambodia  Guatemala  Mongolia
Cameroon  Guinea  Morocco
Central African Republic  Guinea-Bissau  Mozambique
China  Guyana  Myanmar
China, Hong Kong SAR  Haiti
China, Macao SAR  Honduras
Colombia


Have you had frequent or prolonged visits* to one or more of the countries or territories listed above with a high prevalence of TB disease? (If yes, CHECK the countries or territories, above)  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Have you been a resident and/or employee of high-risk congregate settings (e.g., correctional facilities, long-term care facilities, and homeless shelters)?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Have you been a volunteer or health care worker who served clients who are at increased risk for active TB disease?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Have you ever been a member of any of the following groups that may have an increased incidence of latent M. tuberculosis infection or active TB disease: medically underserved, low-income, or abusing drugs or alcohol?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

If the answer is YES to any of the above questions, Swarthmore College requires that you receive TB testing as soon as possible but at least prior to the start of the subsequent semester. TB testing of high risk students should take place no sooner than six months prior to college entrance.

If the answer to all of the above questions is NO, no further testing or further action is required.

* The significance of the travel exposure should be discussed with a health care provider and evaluated.
**Part II. Clinical Assessment by Health Care Provider**

Clinicians should review and verify the information in Part I. Persons answering YES to any of the questions in Part I are candidates for either Mantoux tuberculin skin test (TST) or Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA), unless a previous positive test has been documented.

History of a positive TB skin test or IGRA blood test? (If yes, document below)  Yes____  No _____

History of BCG vaccination? (If yes, consider IGRA if possible.)  Yes____  No _____

1. **TB Symptom Check**

*Does the student have signs or symptoms of active pulmonary tuberculosis disease? Yes No _____*

If No, proceed to 2 or 3

*If yes, check below:*
- Cough (especially if lasting for 3 weeks or longer) with or without sputum production
- Coughing up blood (hemoptysis)
- Chest pain
- Loss of appetite
- Unexplained weight loss
- Night sweats
- Fever

Proceed with additional evaluation to exclude active tuberculosis disease including tuberculin skin testing, chest x-ray, and sputum evaluation as indicated.

2. **Tuberculin Skin Test (TST)**

(TST result should be recorded as actual millimeters (mm) of induration, transverse diameter; if no induration, write “0”. The TST interpretation should be based on mm of induration as well as risk factors.)**

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**Interpretation guidelines**

*5 mm is positive:*
- Recent close contacts of an individual with infectious TB
- Persons with fibrotic changes on a prior chest x-ray, consistent with past TB disease
- Organ transplant recipients and other immunosuppressed persons (including receiving equivalent of >15 mg/d of prednisone for >1 month.)
- HIV-infected persons

*10 mm is positive:*
- Recent arrivals to the U.S. (<5 years) from high prevalence areas or who resided in one for a significant* amount of time
- Injection drug users
- Mycobacteriology laboratory personnel
- Residents, employees, or volunteers in high-risk congregate settings
- Persons with medical conditions that increase the risk of progression to TB disease including silicosis, diabetes mellitus, chronic renal failure, certain types of cancer (leukemias and lymphomas, cancers of the head, neck, or lung), gastrectomy or jejunoileal bypass and weight loss of at least 10% below ideal body weight.

*15 mm is positive:*
- Persons with no known risk factors for TB who, except for certain testing programs required by law or regulation, would otherwise not be tested.

* The significance of the travel exposure should be discussed with a health care provider and evaluated.
3. Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA)

Date Obtained: ____/____/____ (specify method) QFT-GIT T-Spot other_____

M      D      Y

Result: negative___ positive___ indeterminate___ borderline___ (T-Spot only)

Date Obtained: ____/____/____ (specify method) QFT-GIT T-Spot other_____

M      D      Y

Result: negative___ positive___ indeterminate___ borderline___ (T-Spot only)

4. Chest x-ray: (Required if TST or IGRA is positive)

Date of chest x-ray: ____/____/____ Result: normal____ abnormal____

M      D      Y

Part III. Management of Positive TST or IGRA

All students with a positive TST or IGRA with no signs of active disease on chest x-ray should receive a recommendation to be treated for latent TB with appropriate medication. However, students in the following groups are at increased risk of progression from LTBI to TB disease and should be prioritized to begin treatment as soon as possible.

- Infected with HIV
- Recently infected with *M. tuberculosis* (within the past 2 years)
- History of untreated or inadequately treated TB disease, including persons with fibrotic changes on chest radiograph consistent with prior TB disease
- Receiving immunosuppressive therapy such as tumor necrosis factor-alpha (TNF) antagonists, systemic corticosteroids equivalent to/greater than 15 mg of prednisone per day, or immunosuppressive drug therapy following organ transplantation
- Diagnosed with silicosis, diabetes mellitus, chronic renal failure, leukemia, or cancer of the head, neck, or lung
- Have had a gastrectomy or jejunooileal bypass
- Weigh less than 90% of their ideal body weight
- Cigarette smokers and persons who abuse drugs and/or alcohol

_____ Student agrees to receive treatment

_____ Student declines treatment at this time

______________________________  ____________________________
Health Care Professional Signature  Date

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See [www.acha.org/guidelines](http://www.acha.org/guidelines) for the most current ACHA Guidelines for Tuberculosis Screening and Targeted Testing of College and University Students.