

## **Tuberculosis Screening**

1. Health care workers, including students, are at risk of exposure to tuberculosis (TB). As part of its partnership arrangements with ACT health, the Faculty of Health agrees to cooperate in the screening of all students for tuberculosis.
2. Tuberculosis screening involves Tuberculin Skin Testing (Mantoux Test) and/or a chest x-ray, depending on an individual's previous screening results and health history. A previous Bacille Calmette-Guérin (BCG) vaccination will not necessarily afford students any protection against Tuberculosis. There is no charge for this testing.
3. Tuberculosis screening is a requirement for all students undertaking a clinical learning placement with ACT Health. Students who are not screened may be counselled by the Thoracic Medicine Clinic staff.
4. Tuberculosis screening must be conducted by an accredited facility, in the ACT this is the Department of Thoracic Medicine at The Canberra Hospital. If you would like to have the screening done interstate please check the clinical placement site for your discipline for other accredited facilities or contact the clinical placement office.
5. Tuberculosis screening will be conducted at the Department of Thoracic Medicine at The Canberra Hospital. Screening is conducted on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays between 10am -12pm and 1pm -3pm (see attached document for further details).
6. Students are required to present a copy of these results to the Clinical Placement Office before they can commence clinical placement.

Note: A Tuberculin Test (Mantoux) cannot be done within four weeks of MMR Vaccine. Students are requested to attend for TB Screening first if MMR vaccination is required.

## TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING IN THE ACT

Tuberculosis (TB) disease is found in every country of the world. Australia has approximately 1,000 cases each year. In Australia, there is excellent antibiotic treatment for TB and people are expected to recover from the disease.

### PLACE AND TIME FOR TESTS.

TB Services for the ACT are provided by The Department of Thoracic Medicine located on Level 2 of Building 1 at The Canberra Hospital, Yamba Drive, Garran.

TB Services at Thoracic Medicine includes TB screening for Health Care Workers, Health Care Worker students, contacts of notified cases of infectious TB disease, on medical request and by self referral.

Tuberculosis screening involves Tuberculin Skin Testing and/or a chest x-ray, depending on an individual's previous screening results and health history. A previous BCG vaccination will not necessarily afford you any protection against TB.

The TB Screening clinic is on:

**Mondays: 10am-12 noon and 1pm-3pm**

**Tuesday: 10am-12 noon and 1pm-3pm**

**Fridays: 10am-12 noon and 1pm-3pm**

There is no charge for this service.

**\* PLEASE NOTE- A TUBERCULIN TEST (MANTOUX) CANNOT BE DONE WITHIN 4 WEEKS OF MMR VACCINE. Please attend for TB screening first if also having MMR.**

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