

Tuberculosis Facts

"TB" is short for tuberculosis. TB disease is caused by bacteria. The bacterium usually attacks the lungs but can affect other areas of your body such as the kidney, spine, and brain.

How TB Spreads

TB is spread through the air from one person to another. The bacteria become airborne when a person with active TB disease coughs, sneezes, speaks, or sings. Infection can occur when people nearby breathe in the bacteria. You cannot get TB from casual contact such as sitting in class or passing in the halls.

How TB is detected

TB can be detected by a positive reaction to a skin or blood test. You will be given other tests to see if you have TB infection or disease.

TB Infection

TB infection is when a person breath