New International Students Tuberculosis Testing
By Quantiferon Blood Test

If you ever have been tested for tuberculosis (TB) in the United States of America by any method, please see the nurse in Room 216, IUHC, **BEFORE** you have the blood test.

The State of Indiana and IU-B require testing in the U.S. for TB unless you are a citizen or permanent resident. The IU Health Center (IUHC) will assist you to meet this requirement with the Quantiferon TB blood test (QFT). It is highly accurate for TB infection and replaces tuberculin skin tests (PPD, Mantoux Test, Tine Test). This blood test does not react to BCG vaccine and is done in a single visit.

The cost of the test is **$60.00**. The charge may be sent to your Bursar account and you will be given a receipt to mail to your health insurance company to request reimbursement. If you are tested during International Student Orientation in August, you may return to the IUHC Cashier in September to obtain the receipt.

**If the test result is negative:** (GOOD)
This means you are most likely **not infected** with TB. The IUHC will notify the Office of the Registrar that you have met the TB test requirement. The Registrar will remove the hold on your registration. Within two weeks after your test, you will see your negative test result on your OneStart Account, Immunization Compliance Form, Tuberculosis Testing with this statement:

“QFT TB Test negative. Result on file at the IU Health Center”

**If the result is positive:** (PROBLEM)
This means that most likely you are **infected** with the TB bacterium (germ). If you are not sick, then the infection is probably Latent TB Infection (LTBI) or inactive TB. LTBI can become active in the future and make you sick, contagious and exclude you from classes.

You will be notified by email and a letter in the U.S. Postal Service mail about your positive results. This letter will come within two weeks. You will be **REQUIRED** to take a chest x-ray within one week for an additional charge. This is **MANDATORY**. If you do not come for the x-ray, you will not be allowed to register and additional academic or financial penalties may be added by Indiana University.

After the chest x-ray, you will receive a telephone call or another letter in the mail with the results and further instructions.

**If the result is indeterminate:**
This means that the TB infection status could not be determined. The test did not fail. You will be notified by a letter in the mail about your indeterminate results. This letter will come within two weeks. The test must be repeated in 4 weeks and there is an additional charge. The repeat test is **MANDATORY**. If you do not come for the test, you will not be allowed to register and additional penalties may be added by Indiana University. If the repeat blood test remains indeterminate or is positive, a chest x-ray will be required.

For questions about the TB Test requirement or the hold on your registration, see the Office of the Registrar, Franklin Hall, Room 100, or call 812-855-0121, or email immune@indiana.edu

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