

**TUBERCULOSIS INFECTION
INITIAL REQUEST FOR MEDICATION**

Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required.
Please complete patient information on pages 1 & 2.

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| SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM TO: | Local Health Department (LHD) | LHD Fax Number |
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| *NAME – Patient (Last, First, Middle Initial) | | *Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) | |
| *Address (Street or Rural Route) | | *Telephone Number | |
| *City | *Zip Code | *LHD/Clinic managing case: | Other contact, as needed |
| *Sex | *Race | *Ethnicity <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic | *Weight |

Patient Insurance Information

- Patient has no insurance + financial hardship: WI TB Dispensary covers entire cost.
- Patient has insurance + financial hardship (include photocopy of insurance card): WI TB Dispensary to cover co-pay or deductible. Prescription insurance provider and number:
- Patient has insurance and no financial hardship: WI TB Dispensary will not cover cost but is available for consultation. LHD or patient will use their own pharmacy.

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| *NAME – Clinician (Print clearly) | NAME - Hospital/Clinic/Facility |
| *Address (Street, City, State, Zip code) | *Telephone Number |

***MEDICATION ORDERS** (Check mg/kg for patients with variable weight)

Regimen

Isoniazid and Rifampentine once per week via directly-observed therapy X 12 weeks

- Isoniazid 900 mg and Rifampentine 900 mg INH ____ mg + Rifampentine ____ mg

Rifampin daily X 4 months (Generic Only) 600 mg ____mg ____mg/kg
For dosing, see page 5.

Isoniazid (INH) daily X 6-9 months (Generic Only) 300 mg ____mg ____mg/kg
For dosing, see page 5.

Other:

Other:

MONITORING ORDERS

1. Assess the patient at least monthly for side effects and medication toxicity. Hold medications and call clinician if present.
2. Other: _____

***SIGNATURE**

SIGNATURE – Clinician: _____ * Date Prescription Ordered: _____

To be completed by Local Health Department

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| WEDSS Disease Incident Number | Ship medication to: |
| Pharmacy: <input type="checkbox"/> TB Dispensary Pharmacy <input type="checkbox"/> Other, List | |

Patient Name: _____

Patient Reporter DI: _____

PATIENT INFORMATION - Please note the risk factors for infection, below. Remember when referring a patient for treatment that a patient must have risk factors for infection BEFORE having risk of progression.

A. *Patient Risk Factors and Reasons for Treatment (check all that apply) See page 4 for description.

Risk for TB Infection

- Birth, residence or travel (for ≥ 1 month) in a country with a high TB rate
 - Includes any country other than the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, or a country in western or northern Europe.
 - Travel is of extended duration or including likely contact with infections TB.
- Close contact to someone with infectious TB disease

Risk for Progression to TB Disease

- Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection
- Current or planned immunosuppression including receipt of an organ transplant, treatment with an TNF-alpha antagonist (e.g., infliximab, etanercept, or other), chronic steroids (equivalent of prednisone ≥ 15 mg/day for ≥ 1 month) or other immunosuppressive medication in combination with risk for infection from above

Other

- Mandated testing (e.g., employment, healthcare personnel, school).

B. *Is patient symptomatic? (check all that apply) No

- Fever Night sweats Cough > 3 weeks Sputum Blood in sputum Weight loss
- Other _____

C. *Tests:

1. T-Spot™ blood assay: Date Drawn: _____ Results: Positive Negative Indeterminate Invalid
2. Quantiferon™ (QFT) blood assay: Date Drawn: _____ Results: Positive Negative Indeterminate
 QFT Numeric results: Nil ____ IU/mL TB1 Nil ____ IU/mL TB2 Nil ____ IU/mL Mitogen ____ IU/mL
3. Tuberculin Skin Test: Date Applied: _____ Date Read: _____ Results (induration only) ____ mm

| Specimen (Sputum or BAL) | Date Collected | Results | | |
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| | | Smear | PCR | Culture |
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| Other: | | | | |

D. *Chest Imaging: (Include copy of chest x-ray and/or CT report with this request, CXR needs to be within 6 months)

Date: _____ Results: Normal Abnormal Cavitory

If chest imaging is abnormal and consistent with TB, three sputum samples should be submitted to the WSLH for smear, PCR and culture, before treatment for LTBI can begin.

E. *Prior treatment for tuberculosis infection or disease?

NO YES Please explain: _____

F. Baseline blood tests, if applicable (ALT/AST, CBC, CMP, T. BIL, if preexisting liver disease)

Test _____ Date _____ Result _____

Test _____ Date _____ Result _____

Test _____ Date _____ Result _____

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**Additional Information for:
Tuberculosis Infection
Initial Request For Medication, F-00905**

Remember – a person must have a risk of infection before the risk of progression to active disease considered!

RISK FOR TB INFECTION

Birth, travel or residence (for ≥ 1 month) in a country with a high TB rate

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates TB incidence around the world in the Global Tuberculosis Report. Please see this report for countries with high TB rates, or call the Wisconsin Tuberculosis Program.^{1, 5}

Leisure travel to most countries in the world poses little risk of TB infection. Prolonged stays or work in the health sector in an endemic country increase the risk of infection.²

Close Contact to someone with infectious TB disease

Infectious TB includes pulmonary, culture-positive disease and disease with pulmonary cavitation on radiograph. High Priority contacts include household members (1 in 3 chance of infection), children < 5 years of age and immunosuppressed individuals (HIV-positive, organ transplant, cancer, diabetes). Also consider those exposed for shorter duration in a more confined space (exam room, dormitory room, office or vehicle).³

Other Risks

Wisconsin has very low incidence of TB in healthcare, homeless, corrections and long-term care settings. Higher-risk congregate settings occur in Alaska, California, Florida, Hawaii, New Jersey, New York, Texas or Washington DC.⁵

Consult with local health departments for other locally identified high-risk groups:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lh-depts/counties.htm>.

Consult with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) annual TB reports and the Wisconsin TB Program website for state and local epidemiology data.^{6, 7, 8, 9}

RISK FOR PROGRESSION TO TB DISEASE

Immune suppression is a risk factor for reactivation and progression to active TB disease. Immune suppression alone is not a risk for acquiring TB infection.

LTBI treatment should be strongly considered in HIV-infected individuals; significant immune suppression can cause inaccuracy of diagnostic TB tests.

LTBI treatment can be considered for other immune suppression (e.g., cancer, organ transplant, medications, or diabetes) when in combination with risk for infection (see above).

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Tuberculosis (TB) Infection Treatments

Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Division of Public Health, Tuberculosis Program

Once a person is diagnosed with TB infection, treatment should be offered. We recommend that all treatment be done in collaboration with the local health department. Assistance with costs of care and treatment is available through the local health department.

There are four treatments available.

1. Three months of weekly isoniazid (INH) and rifapentine is the preferred regimen for patients over two years of age, due to its high completion rates. We strongly recommend giving all doses given as directly observed therapy (DOT) once per week for 12 weeks. DOT is required if receiving medications from the WI TB Dispensary Program.

Rifapentine 900 mg + INH 900 mg once weekly X 12 weeks; DOT strongly recommended

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| Rifapentine | 10.0-14.0 kg | 300 mg | INH | Age 2-11 years | 25 mg/kg* |
| | 14.1-25.0 kg | 450 mg | | Age 12+ years | 15 mg/kg* |
| | 25.1-32.0 kg | 600 mg | | *900 mg maximum. | |
| | 32.1-49.0 kg | 750 mg | | Round up to nearest 50 or 100 mg | |
| | ≥50.0 kg | 900 mg maximum | | | |

2. Four months of daily rifampin is the preferred regimen for those unable to take weekly INH/rifapentine or for contacts of INH resistant cases. Treatment is usually given daily self-administered, with the patient picking up medications monthly. Consider the patient's reliability.

Rifampin 600 mg daily X 4 months; self-administered, patient picks up pills monthly

15-20 mg/kg infants and children; 10 mg/kg adults; 600 mg maximum

3. Six to nine months of isoniazid is acceptable but has very low completion rates in many instances. Treatment is usually given daily self-administered, with the patient picking up medications monthly. Consider the patient's reliability.

Isoniazid (INH) 300 mg daily X 6-9 months; self-administered, patient picks up pills monthly

10-15 mg/kg infants and children; 5 mg/kg up adults; 300 mg maximum

4. Two months of the **standard four-drug treatment—isoniazid, rifampin, pyrazinamide, and ethambutol-- by directly observed therapy** is the preferred regimen for patients for whom a diagnosis of active TB disease is still possible. At the end of two months, reassess patient and laboratory results:

If the culture is positive OR the patient improves on treatment, consider active TB disease confirmed and treat accordingly.

If the culture is negative OR the patient does not improve on treatment, end treatment and consider other diagnoses as appropriate. Treatment for latent TB infection is complete.

Wisconsin Vitamin B-6 Recommendations:

Pyridoxine (vitamin B-6) supplementation 10-50mg/day with isoniazid (INH) or 50mg/week with the 12-week regimen of Rifapentine and INH is recommended ONLY for persons with: diabetes, uremia, alcoholism, malnutrition, HIV, seizure disorders and for pregnant or breastfeeding women. Exclusively breastfeed infants and children/adolescents on meat and milk-deficient diets or nutritional deficiencies should also receive B-6 when on INH therapy. Most adults and children do not need pyridoxine supplements.