

Welcome to TB Clinic



Welcome!

The information below will help make your first clinic visit a success.

When you arrive, please tell the clerk your name. TB Clinic can sometimes be busy. You may have to wait for services or to see the doctor. You will be called as quickly as possible.

The doctor and nurse will see you and talk to you about TB. **Please bring all medicines that you are taking to your first TB Clinic visit.**

Someone will be available to help you with problems that may make it hard for you to take your TB medicine or to get to TB Clinic.

Your Insurance

When you arrive at TB Clinic, you will be asked to show your insurance card. You may be asked to pay a small amount of money at the same time.

During your appointment, the doctor and nurse may talk to you about medical tests. You should ask them, "Do I need this test? Does my insurance pay for the test?"

If you receive a bill for some services, tell the clinic nurse or your community health worker. If you have no insurance, you will not be asked to pay for most clinic services.

Your Citizenship / Immigration Status

You will not be asked about your citizenship or immigration status. We are only interested in your good health and the health of your friends and family.

Your Language

The TB Clinic has interpreters. Please tell the clinic staff if you need someone to interpret for you.

X-ray Department (Radiology)

You may have X-rays taken. The doctor will talk to you about the results.

Lab (Laboratory)

The doctor may order a blood test before you begin taking TB medicine. Another blood test may be done while you are taking the TB medicine.

Pharmacy

The doctor may prescribe TB medicine for you. You may receive the medicine at Clinic or be asked to pick up it up at the clinic pharmacy. **Take your TB medicine exactly as the doctor or nurse says.**

HIV Testing

You will be offered HIV testing. We recommend HIV testing to all of our patients. This information will help the doctor decide how long you should take the TB medicine. We can also treat HIV and improve the quality and length of life for individuals who are HIV positive. If you have questions about TB or HIV ask the doctor or nurse.

For more information about TB call:
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