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Tuberculosis (TB)

What is TB?

TB is caused by a contagious infectious disease. It usually affects the lungs but it can affect other parts of the body.

What are the symptoms?

Any of the following symptoms may occur:

- a cough
- phlegm
- high temperature
- sweating at night
- weight loss
- fatigue/general weakness
- swollen glands

If you are concerned that you might have TB, or showing any of these symptoms, please contact your family doctor for advice.

How do you catch TB?

It is usually spread through the air from someone with the disease. Open TB, the more infectious form, can be spread through coughing or sneezing.

Who can get TB?

Anyone can get TB but it is difficult to catch. It is more likely to be passed on from people who have TB.

People who are in contact with someone with infectious TB.

How is TB treated?

TB is curable. Treatment consists of a long course of special antibiotics.

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This factsheet describes the symptoms of tuberculosis, how it is caught, who is affected and how it is treated.

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