

# Tuberculosis (TB) Disease: Only the Tip of the Iceberg

There are **two** types of TB conditions:  
**TB disease** and **latent TB infection**.

People with **TB disease** are sick from active TB germs. They usually have symptoms and may spread TB germs to others.

People with **latent TB infection** do not feel sick, do not have symptoms, and cannot spread TB germs to others.

But, if their TB germs become active, they can develop **TB disease**.

**Millions** of people in the U.S. have **latent TB infection**. Without treatment, they are at risk for developing **TB disease**.



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