Tuberculosis Screening for Applicants in Low Tuberculosis Burden Countries

Tuberculosis Screening for Applicants 2 - 14 Years of Age in Low TB burden countries*

For all applicants 2 through 14 years of age in low tuberculosis burden countries
- Medical history
- Physical examination

For those with signs or symptoms of tuberculosis or known HIV infection
- IGRA
- Chest x-ray
- Three sputum smears and three cultures for \( M. \text{tuberculosis} \)

For those with positive cultures
- Drug susceptibility testing

Tuberculosis screening for applicants 15 years of age or older in low TB burden countries*

For all applicants ≥15 years of age in low tuberculosis burden countries
- Medical history
- Physical examination
- Chest x-ray

For those with a chest x-ray suggestive of tuberculosis, or signs or symptoms of tuberculosis, or known HIV infection
- Three sputum smears and three cultures for \( M. \text{tuberculosis} \)

For those with positive cultures
- Drug susceptibility testing

*Tuberculosis screening for applicants 2 through 14 years of age in countries with a WHO-estimated tuberculosis disease incidence rate <20 cases per 100,000 population.

*Tuberculosis screening for applicants ≥15 years of age in countries with a WHO-estimated tuberculosis disease incidence rate <20 cases per 100,000 population.

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