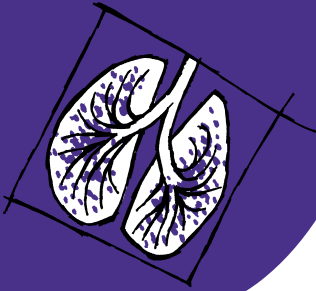
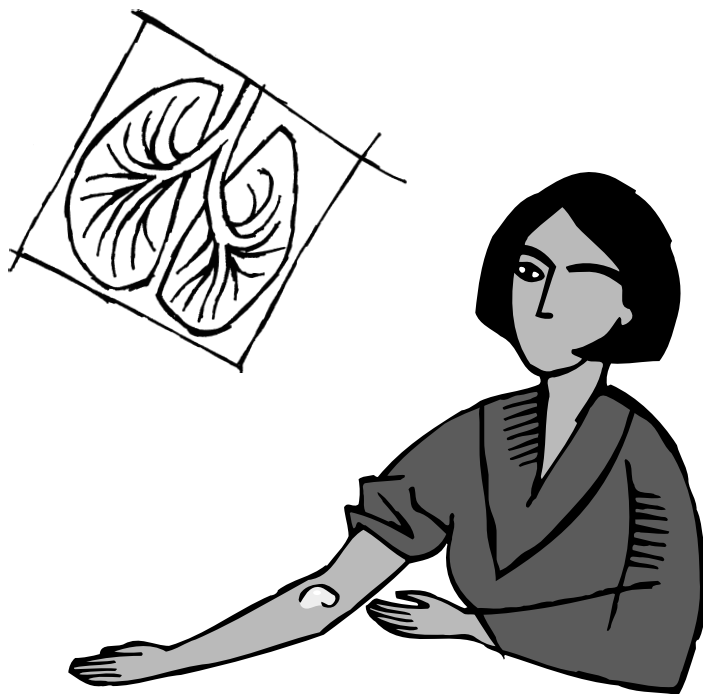


Learn About Tuberculosis



You have tuberculosis (TB) if:



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Your TB skin test (PPD test) is positive, and your chest x-ray shows spots or shadows on your lungs.

2

TB is a disease caused by a germ usually first found in your lungs. Your doctor can treat TB with medicines. If you do not take the medicines, you can die from TB.





3

TB can be contagious. This means you can spread TB germs through the air to other people when you cough or laugh.

You have a dangerous and contagious disease. Do not go to school or work until your doctor tells you that you are not contagious anymore.





To avoid spreading TB to others, cover your mouth when you laugh or cough.

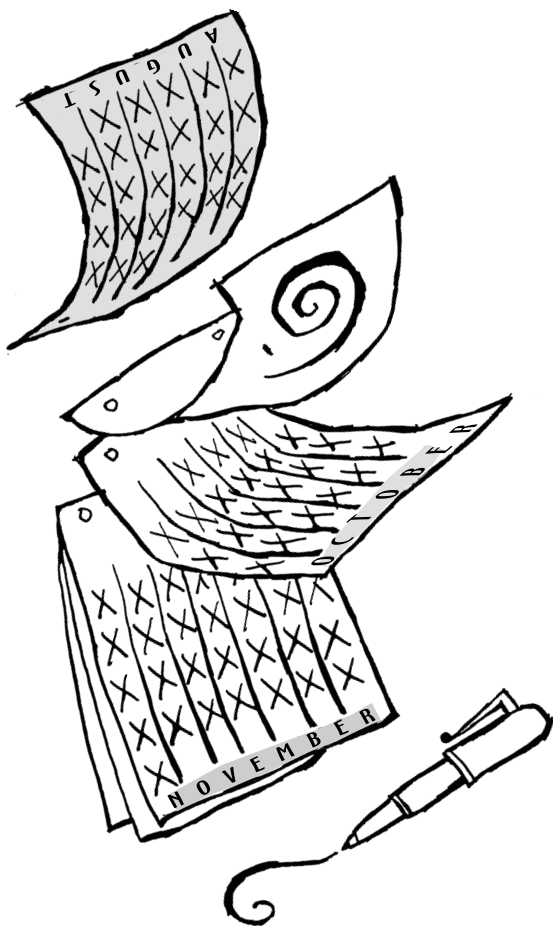
Your doctor or local health department will give you medicines, called antibiotics, that may cure your TB. Your health department may offer directly observed therapy (DOT) to help make sure you take your medicines.





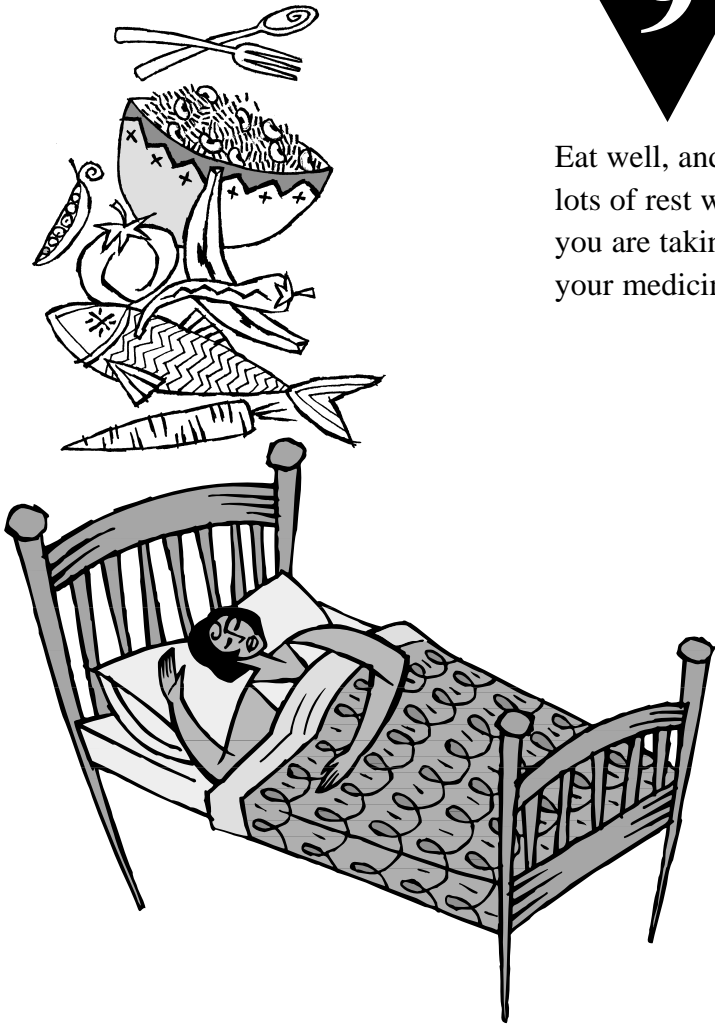
The medicines may make you feel sick.

You must take all of your medicines to cure your TB disease. If you do not take all your medicines, you can die from TB.



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Eat well, and get lots of rest while you are taking your medicines.



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After you finish all your medicines, you may never have TB again.



Notes

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Your local public health department may offer
TB medicines to you and your family.
For information, call your local health department.

For more information about TB, contact the
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
National Prevention Information Network (NPIN)

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