

Diagnosis of TB

How do health care workers diagnose TB in adults?

TB OF THE LUNGS

OTHER TB

TB of the lungs makes a person feel like this:

Cough for more than 2 weeks



Night sweats and fever



Loss of appetite and weight



A person who feels like this should visit a clinic

The nurse will ask for 2 sputum samples and may take a chest x-ray

A person has TB if:

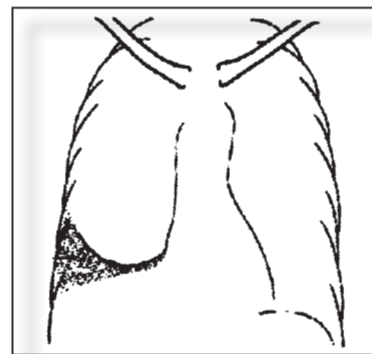
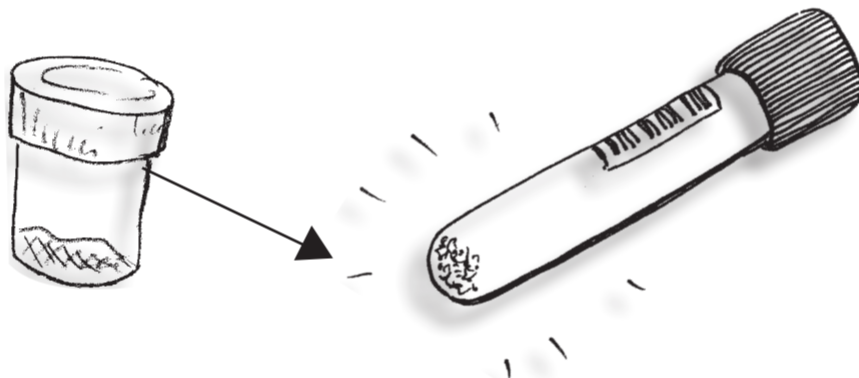
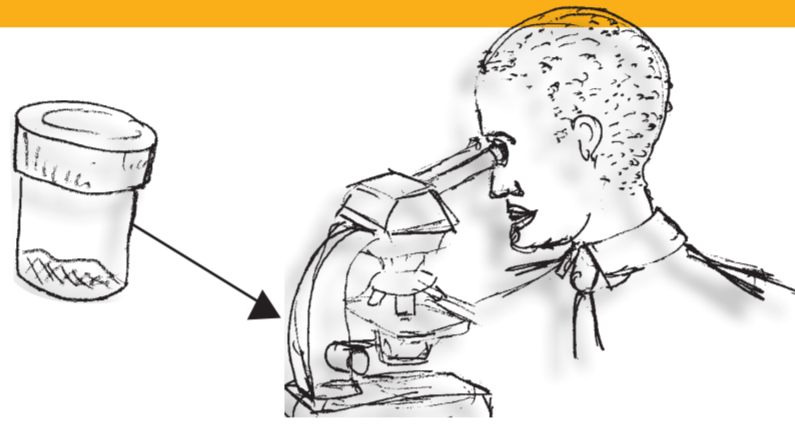
The laboratory sees the TB germs in the sputum

OR

The laboratory grows the TB germ from the sputum

OR

The chest x-ray shows lung damage from TB



Then the clinic will start TB treatment

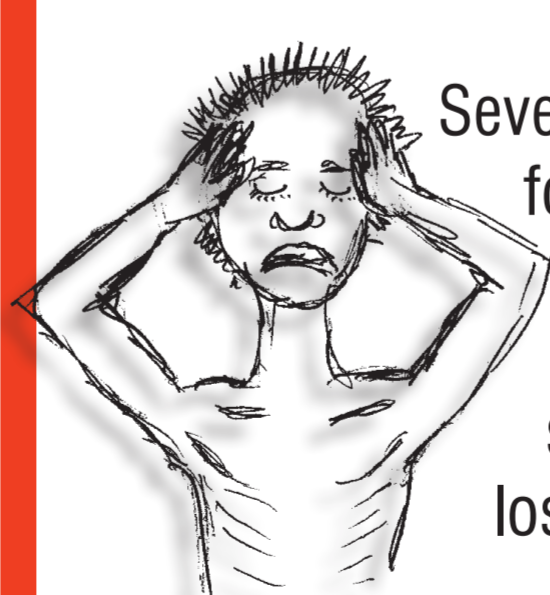
When TB is not in the lungs, a person may feel like this:

TB of the lymph nodes



Swollen glands, sweating at night, loss of weight

TB meningitis



Severe headache for more than 2 weeks; fever, night sweats and loss of weight

Then the clinic will arrange TB tests at hospital

Know your HIV status

**TB makes HIV worse
HIV makes TB worse**