



## **Testing for Tuberculosis<sup>1</sup>**

**All testing must take place in the United States at a licensed medical facility.**

**You are required to obtain a blood test (includes QuantiFERON and T-Spot) for TB screening if:**

*\*You have had a positive TB skin test in the past and have not taken antibiotics for it or you took antibiotics for less than a month*

*\*You were born or lived in a country with a high incidence of TB (includes Mexico and most countries in Central America, South America, Eastern Europe, Asia, and Africa)*

*\*You have had BCG (Bacille Calmette-Guerin) immunization*

*\*You have / had cancer, leukemia, diabetes, kidney disease, HIV / AIDS*

*\*You take an immunosuppressive medication such as prednisone*

*\*You have a history of drug or alcohol abuse*

*\*You have been told you have / had an atypical mycobacteria infection*

*\*You are an international student*

*\*You are an HB 1403 student*

**You may obtain a TB Skin Test (the only acceptable skin test for TB is the Mantoux test) if:**

*\*you do not meet any of the criteria listed for a blood test for TB (please review carefully)*

*\*you were born or lived in a country with a low incidence of TB (includes the United States, Canada, Europe, and Australia) and you have never had a positive TB skin test*

**You are required to obtain a Chest X-Ray and to complete a Statement of Tuberculosis Clearance<sup>2</sup> if:**

*\*you have a history of a positive TB skin test and took antibiotics for one month or more*

*\*you have a positive or indeterminate / borderline TB blood test*

### **NOTES on Chest X-Rays (CXR)**

*\*A new TWU student must submit a current CXR report that is within 365 days +/- 5 days from the first day of class*

*\*Returning TWU students needing yearly TB screening who have already submitted a CXR report will need to submit a completed Statement of Tuberculosis Clearance yearly; a yearly CXR is not required if the student is otherwise well*

<sup>1</sup>Please see **TWU Board of Regents Policy 6.01 Student Tuberculosis Screening and Case Management** <http://www.twu.edu/regents/p-student-tuberculosis-screening-and-case-management.asp> for the complete TB policy.

<sup>2</sup>Please complete the appropriate form: New International and HB 1403 students should use [Statement of Tuberculosis Clearance: International Students \(New and Transfer\) and New HB 1403 Students](#) and all others should use [Statement of Tuberculosis Clearance](#).