What is Tuberculosis?

Tuberculosis, also called TB, is caused by the bacterium Mycobacterium tuberculosis. The bacteria usually attacks the lungs but it can also affect other parts of the body and can be fatal if not treated properly. TB is spread through the air when someone with TB coughs, sneezes, speaks, or sings.

Symptoms

- Chest pain
- Weight loss
- Fatigue
- Chills
- Lingering cough
- Fever
- Night sweats
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Prevention

Stay home so you don’t infect others, cough or sneeze into your sleeve, drink lots of fluids, and get lots of rest.

Contact your Medical Provider if:

- you have been around someone who has TB,
- you plan to travel to areas where TB may be present,
- you are experiencing symptoms listed above.