Facilities Required to Test New Health Care Personnel for Tuberculosis upon Hire

Below is guidance on which agencies and facilities should have a health care personnel (HCP) TB testing program based upon Oregon Administrative Rule 333-019-0041 and 333-505-0070.

**New Health Care Personnel (HCP) TB Testing Required**
The facilities below are required to have a HCP TB testing program. HCP working in these facilities with patient contact must have a TB symptom screening, risk assessment and two step baseline TB skin test or single Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) such as QuantiFERON® or T-Spot® within six weeks of the date of hire, date of executed contract or date of being granted hospital credentials. For further details on testing requirements see the references below.

- Correctional facilities (medical unit)
- Dental clinics
- Dialysis units
- Emergency medical services (EMT, paramedic, ambulance transport)
- Home based health care
- Homeless shelters (>100 beds) ¹
- Hospice facilities
- Hospitals (including inpatient psychiatric, autopsy suites)
- Laboratories that handle TB specimens
- Skilled nursing facilities or “nursing homes” ¹
- Medical clinics (including ambulatory surgery, student health)
- Medical, nursing, and allied health students
- Ophthalmology clinics
- Public health clinics
- Rehabilitation facilities
- Residential treatment homes (OAR 309-035-0135)

Per Oregon OSHA, employers must provide or pay for required employee TB screening. For more information, contact Oregon OSHA at [http://www.orosha.org/contactsus.html](http://www.orosha.org/contactsus.html)

**New HCP TB Testing NOT Required**
NOTE: Funders and licensing agencies may have differing requirements. Consultation prior to discontinuation of a TB testing program is advised.

- Assisted living facilities or residential care facilities ¹
- Childcare, daycares, preschools or Head Start programs ²
- First responders (firefighter, police)
- Group homes ¹
- Outpatient drug and alcohol treatment programs
- Outreach programs
- Schools and universities (except clinics and medical, nursing, and allied health students) ²

¹ Resident TB testing is not required.
² Student TB testing is not required by rule.
References:

