

TB INTERVIEW CHECKLIST

This checklist includes prompts and should be used after reading the accompanying TB interview outline.

Pre-Interview Activities

- Review medical record
- Establish preliminary infectious period
- Develop an interview strategy
- Arrange interview time and place

Introduction

- Introduce self
 - Provide identification
 - Explain role in TB control
 - Build trust and rapport
- Explain purpose of interview
- Ensure confidentiality

Information and Education Exchange

- Observe index patient's physical and mental state and evaluate communication skills
- Collect and confirm the following information:
 - Name
 - Alias(es)/nickname(s)
 - Date of birth
 - Address
 - Telephone number
 - Next of kin
 - Physical description
 - Other locating information
 - Known exposure to TB
 - Recent hospitalization(s)
 - Medical provider for TB
 - Other medical conditions
 - Outpatient/DOT plan
 - Barriers to adherence
 - Transportation availability



Information and Education Exchange (cont'd)

- Assess disease comprehension/provide TB education
- Obtain/confirm TB symptom history
- Discuss basis of patient's current diagnosis
- Discuss disease intervention behaviors (treatment/infection control/medical appointments)
- Refine infectious period/review significance with patient

Contact Identification

- Focus on infectious period
- Explain high, medium, and low priority contacts
- Stress importance of identification of all contacts
- Collect information on index patient's contacts during the infectious period in the following environments: household/residence, social/recreational, workplace, school, other congregate settings. Include:
 - Name
 - Alias(es)/nickname(s)
 - Age/race/sex
 - Address/telephone number
 - Other locating information
 - Physical description
 - Dates of first and last exposure
 - Hours of exposure per week
- Discuss visits to exposure sites and sharing information on a need-to-know basis/reinforce confidentiality
- Discuss index patient vs. health department referrals

Conclusion

- Request/answer patient's questions
- Review/reinforce adherence plan
- Restate next appointment (if known)
- Arrange re-interview and home visit (if not already completed)
- Leave name and telephone number
- Thank patient and close interview