

Institutional Handbook of Operating Procedures
Policy 08.01.02

Section: Health and Safety	Responsible Vice President: EVP and CEO Health System
Subject: Preventive, Occupational, and Environmental Medicine	Responsible Entity: Epidemiology

I. Title

Tuberculosis Surveillance Program for Healthcare Workers

II. Policy

In accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, the Employee Health Center will provide preventive and occupational healthcare services to UTMB employees. These services include employee screening, surveillance, and exposure follow-up for tuberculosis.

This policy includes the requirement of an initial two-step tuberculin skin test for designated healthcare workers at the time of employment, and an annual repeat screening for some employees on the basis of job category. Healthcare employees will be notified when it is appropriate for this periodic testing.

Failure to comply with this policy will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

III. References

UTMB Healthcare Epidemiology Policies & Procedures, [Employee Health Center: Communicable Disease Control](#), Policy 6

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidelines for preventing the transmission of Mycobacterium tuberculosis in health-care facilities, 2005](#). MMWR 2005; 54 (No. RR-17): [inclusive page numbers].

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