

Medical Directive for Tuberculin Skin Testing (TST)

Public health nurses may provide Tuberculin Skin Testing (TST) to individuals identified as a result of contact follow-up investigations for Tuberculosis Cases.

Under this Directive, the nurse must be competent in all essential TST practices as detailed in the Canadian Tuberculosis Standards Chapter 4: Diagnosis of Latent Tuberculosis Infection- Tuberculin Skin Testing <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/tbpc-latb/pubs/tb-canada-7/assets/pdf/tb-standards-tb-normes-ch4-eng.pdf> :

- Administration
- Precautions
- Measuring Induration
- Interpretation of a Negative TST Result
- Management of a Positive TST Result
- Interpretation of a Positive TST
- Interpretation When Serial (repeated) TST is Performed

The Regional Health Authority responsible for the provision of TST as part of communicable disease follow-up must have in place ongoing quality control processes to ensure adherence to the conditions of this Medical Directive and to the policies, standards and guidelines of both the NB Immunization Program Guide and the Reportable Disease Events Guidelines.

Regional Medical Officer of Health:

(Name) _____

(Signature) _____

(Date) _____

Regional Health Authority Acknowledgement of the Medical Directive for the Provision of Tuberculin Skin Testing

I have met the conditions outlined in this Medical Directive:

(Nurse's Name) _____

(Signature) _____

(Date) _____

Program Director:

(Name) _____

(Signature) _____

(Date) _____

Name of organization: _____