

**Title: TB TESTING**

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**POLICY:**

1. In accordance with CDC guidelines and following the CDC’s criteria for TB testing, it has been determined that St. Joseph County's number of TB occurrences continues to be low. This low risk status allows SJRMC to lift the annual requirement for TB skin testing. Any new SJRMC credentialed practitioner will still be required to complete TB testing upon initial appointment.

**PROCEDURE:**

- A. Upon Initial Appointment, all credentialed practitioners are required to present documentation of a TB skin test (TST) obtained within the last 12 months.
- B. If a practitioner states they have a positive TST, the applicant must complete a questionnaire and submit a chest x-ray result within the last 12 months.
- C. If the practitioner cannot provide documentation of the positive TST, another TST can be administered or a BAMT (Blood Assay for Mycobacterium Tuberculosis) should be obtained. If the TST test or BAMT is positive, indeterminate, the practitioner should have a chest x-ray.
- D. If documentation of a positive TST or proof of evaluation/treatment can be obtained from the previous employer/hospital and a previous chest x-ray, the practitioner can complete our questionnaire and if no findings it is acceptable. If there are findings on the questionnaire then the applicant must have a chest x-ray or proof of evaluation/treatment within the last 12 months.
- E. The practitioner must then complete a questionnaire annually.
- F. The TB testing results will be recorded and placed in the respective credentials file.
- G. TB skin testing is available through the Employee Health Office.
- H. Practitioners are encouraged to follow the CDC guidelines for TB testing when going to countries with high rates of TB. The guidelines are that individuals be tested before leaving the country and tested upon return. Employee Health Office is available to assist you with these tests. Please go to the [www.CDC.gov](http://www.CDC.gov) website to see countries that are at high risk for TB.
- I. Telemedicine physicians are not required to submit documentation for TB.

**WAY TO RECEIVE YOUR TB SKIN TEST:**

Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center – Mishawaka  
Employee Health Office – No Charge

You can stop by or call to make an appointment.

Location: Garden Level, Suite A0039, Medical Center  
Hours: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Phone Number: 574-335-1030

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Call Employee Health at 574-948-4100. If Employee Health is unavailable leave a message for the nurse to contact you or call the Administrative Supervisor at 574-948-4351.

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