

Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Policies and Procedures Manual 2018

Introduction

First Nations and Inuit Health Branch - Ontario Region (FNIHB-OR) is pleased to release the updated Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Policies and Procedures Manual 2018.

The main purpose of the policies is to assist health care workers to provide care to clients with suspected or confirmed active tuberculosis or who have latent tuberculosis infection, by outlining aspects of tuberculosis (TB) control that are unique to First Nations communities in Ontario. These include the epidemiologic profile of the disease in this province, legislative aspects of tuberculosis control and provincial- federal relationships with respect to surveillance and programs.

The policies are not intended to provide guidance on all aspects of tuberculosis control. The *Canadian Tuberculosis Standards (7th ed.)*¹ and the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care *Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Protocol*² and *Infectious Diseases Protocol*³ should be referred to for more detailed direction.

The FNIHB-OR policies are divided into five sections. These policies will be updated on an ongoing basis by FNIHB - OR in conjunction with changes to provincial and national recommendations.



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¹ Canadian Tuberculosis Standards 7th Edition Retrieved from: http://strauss.ca/OEMAC/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Canadian_TB_Standards_7th- edition_English.pdf

² Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. (2008). Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Protocol. Retrieved from: http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/oph_standards/docs/tuberculosis_prevention_control.pdf

³ Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. (2015). Infectious Diseases Protocol – Tuberculosis. Retrieved from: http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/oph_standards/docs/tb_chapter.pdf