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**Section 4: Management of Tuberculosis Cases**

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## **1. POLICY**

- 1.1 It is recognized that tuberculosis (TB) management is an expertise that not all physicians and nurses possess.
- 1.1.1 All active or suspected cases of TB will be referred to a physician knowledgeable and experienced in the clinical management of TB.
  - 1.1.2 The CHN will monitor the management of the TB case and maintain communication with the treating physician. If at any time the management of the case is contrary to FNIHB policy or the Canadian Tuberculosis Standards, the CHN will inform the treating physician and the CD nurse.
  - 1.1.3 A referral to a pediatric TB specialist should be sought for confirmed or suspected cases of TB in an infant or a child < 18 years of age.
  - 1.1.4 First Nations and Inuit Health Branch-Ontario Region (FNIHB-OR) recommends referral to a physician for all positive tuberculin skin test (TST) results for review of treatment choices.
  - 1.1.5 When referring a client with a positive TST result to a physician, information on the risk category (CTBS 7<sup>th</sup> ed., page 127) and history of Bacille Calmette-Guérin (BCG) vaccination will be shared. This information is important for making decisions for further management of individuals with latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI).

## **2. REFERENCES**

- 2.1 PHAC. (2014). Canadian Tuberculosis Standards, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition.  
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