

NIP TB IN THE BUD!

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"TB" is short for a disease called Tuberculosis. TB is spread when a person with active TB disease coughs, signs, or speaks and you breathe in the TB germs.



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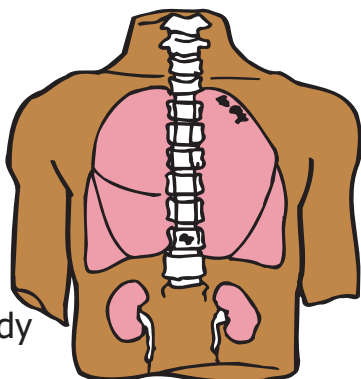
If you do not take your medicine, the TB germ may wake up and attack your lungs and other parts of your body. This is called active TB DISEASE. If you have active TB Disease, you:

- ✓ Feel sick with fever, weight loss or cough
- ✓ May give TB to others



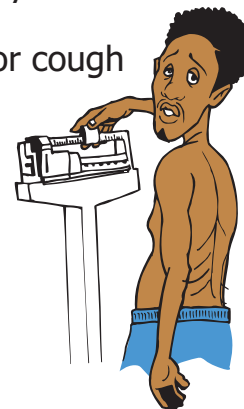
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TB disease usually attacks the lungs, but can also attack any organ in the body like the kidneys, the brain or the spine.



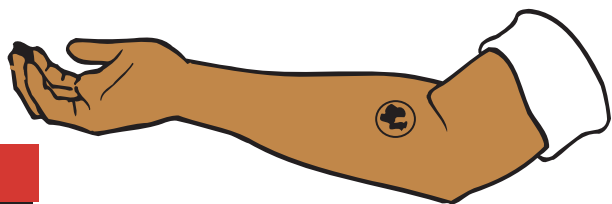
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TB can be treated and cured. If anyone has TB disease, they need medical help. If they don't get help, they can die.



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You can get a skin test at the health department or doctor's office to see if you have the TB germ.



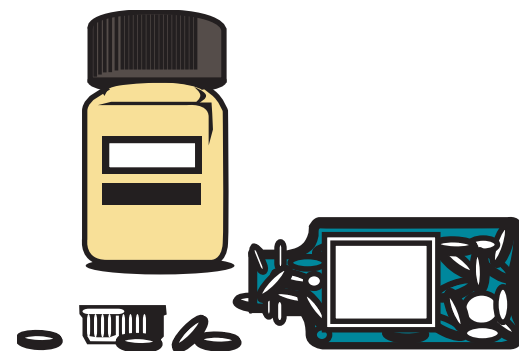
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The only way to get well and stop spreading the TB germs is to take your medicine exactly as your doctor or nurse tells you.

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Usually the TB germs will go to sleep in your body. This is called latent TB infection. If you have latent TB infection, you:

- ✓ Have a positive skin test reaction
- ✓ Don't feel sick
- ✓ Can't spread TB to others
- ✓ Need to take medicine so you won't get active TB disease



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