





### **TB Testing**

All testing must take place in the United States at a licensed medical facility.

Either a TB Skin or Blood Test is acceptable, if no previous positive results and the following criteria is met:

#### **TB Skin Test (TST)**

A TB skin test (TST) may be obtained if you:

- were born or lived in a country with low incidence of TB (includes the US, Canada, Europe and Australia)
- do not meet any of the criteria listed for a blood test for TB (see below)

Results must include:

- Date placed
- Date read
- Reading (mm of induration)
- Interpretation (negative or positive)

#### **Blood Test**

A blood test (includes QuantiFERON or T-Spot) for TB screening is required if you:

- Have had a positive TB skin test in the past and have not taken antibiotics or if antibiotics were taken for less than a month; and/or
- Were born or lived in a country with a high incidence of TB (includes Mexico and most countries in Central America, South America, Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa); and /or
- Have or had BCG (Bacille Calmette-Guerin) immunization; and/or
- Have or had cancer, leukemia, diabetes, kidney disease, HIV/AIDS; and/or
- Take an immunosuppressive medication, such as, prednisone; and/or
- Have a history of drug or alcohol abuse; and/or
- Have been told you have or had a typical mycobacteria infection; or
- Prefer this over a TB skin test.

#### **Chest X-Ray**

A Chest X-Ray for TB screening is required if:

- Results from skin or blood test are positive (previously or currently).