

TUBERCULOSIS CLASSIFICATION

Class	Type	Description
TB-0	- No TB exposure - Not infected	No history of exposure. Negative reaction to tuberculin skin test.
TB-1	- TB exposure - No evidence of infection	History of exposure. Negative reaction to tuberculin test skin test.
TB-2	- TB infection - No disease	Positive reaction to tuberculin skin test. Negative bacteriologic studies (if done). No clinical or radiographic evidence of TB.
TB-3	- Current TB disease	<i>M. tuberculosis</i> cultured (if done) or <i>both</i> a positive reaction to tuberculin skin test <i>and</i> clinical and/or radiographic evidence of current disease.
TB-4	- Previous TB disease	History of episode(s) of TB, abnormal stable radiographic findings in a person with a positive reaction to the tuberculin skin test, negative bacteriologic studies (if done) and no clinical or radiographic evidence of current disease.
TB-5	- TB suspect	Diagnosis pending (a patient should not be in this class for more than 3 months).

Comparison of Latent and Active Tuberculosis Classes 2, 3, and 4

	Class 2 Latent TB Infection	Class 4 Latent TB Infection, Previous TB disease	Class 3 Active TB Disease
TB Bacteria in Body	Yes (Dormant)	Yes (Dormant)	Yes (Active)
TB Skin Test Result	Positive	Positive	Positive
Chest X-Ray	Normal	Abnormal	Abnormal
Sputum Exam	Not done	Negative	Positive if pulmonary or laryngeal
Symptoms	No	No	Yes
Contagious	No	No	Yes – if pulmonary or laryngeal