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What our office do for latent TB

If TST is >5mm, we do chest xrays and TB Gold Quantiferon.

If chest xrays are normal and TB Gold Quantiferon is positive, we start patient on INH for 9 months.

Only <10% applicant will complete latent TB treatment.

Majority discontinue treatment when they receive their green card

Texas Fort Bend County Health Department told us they cannot force patient with latent TB to continue treatment.

In the past we had an applicant who came back for a lump in the neck. It turned out to be TB lymph node. Probably TB treatment would have benefited her?

It makes no sense screening applicants and only <10% compliance

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