

*Communities
can work together
to eliminate TB!*



*TB is curable
and preventable...*
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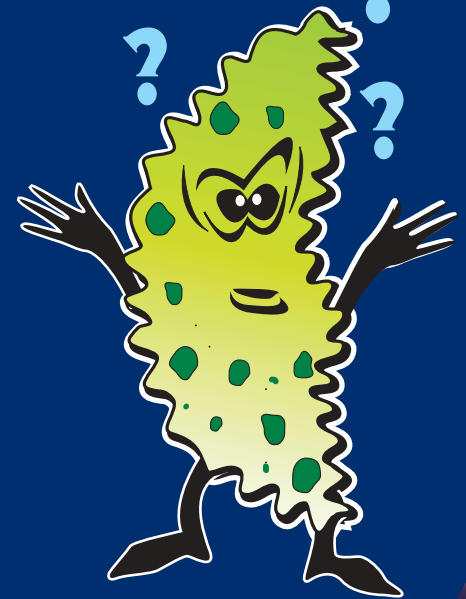
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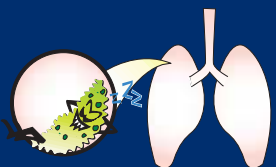
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What is tuberculosis (TB)?



TB is caused by bacteria (germs) and is spread when a person with TB disease of the lungs coughs the germs into the air. People sharing that air may breathe in the germs and develop either...

TB infection...

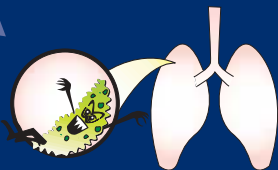


The germs are asleep, not causing damage, and cannot be spread to others.

TB disease...

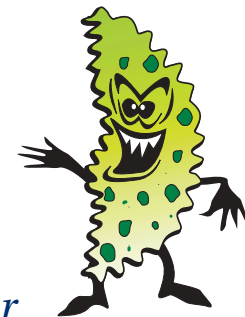


The germs are awake and causing damage. TB disease of the lungs is contagious.



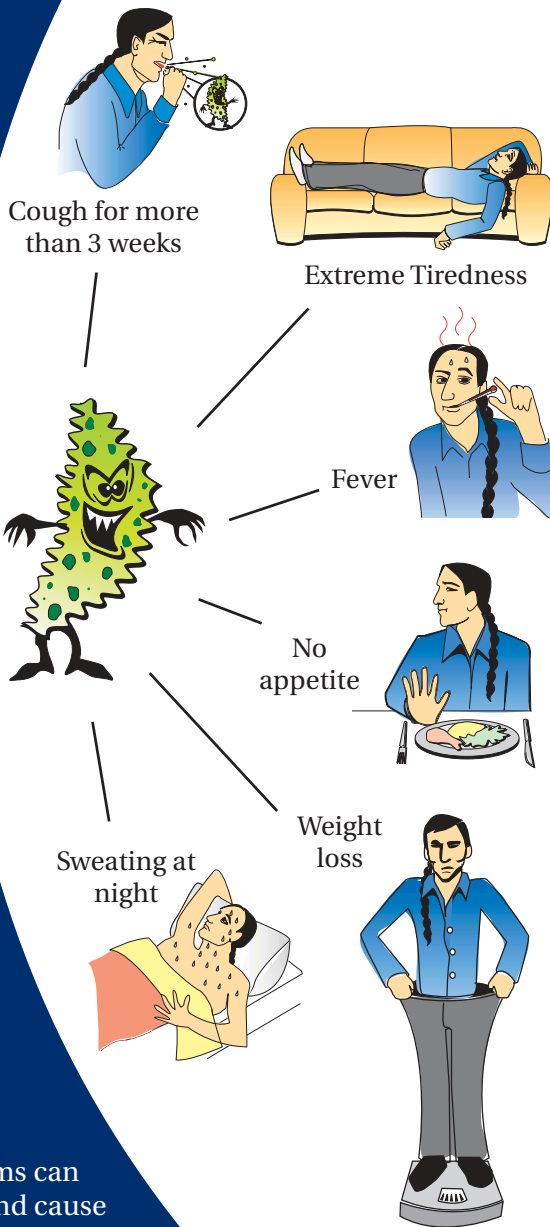
The germs can wake up and cause TB disease later in life.

Symptoms of TB disease



People with TB disease have one or more of these symptoms.

If you or someone you know has any of these symptoms, see your doctor or nurse. They will conduct tests to determine if you have TB.



Is TB curable?

Yes, medications can be taken to kill the bacteria and cure TB disease.

Is TB preventable?

Yes, medications can be taken to cure TB infection and prevent TB disease from developing.