

## Blood Test

### What is the blood test for?

A blood test is performed to see if you are infected with TB bacteria.

### Test procedures

- ① Tell the testing staff if you have been vaccinated against TB within the past month.
- ② When asked to provide a blood sample, do the following:



Make a fist with your thumb clenched inside your hand.



The technician will then draw blood using a syringe.



Apply pressure to the puncture site after the syringe is removed, but don't rub it.



The technician will apply an adhesive bandage to the puncture site, which you can remove after about five minutes.

- ③ You will be notified about your results within two weeks.
- ④ The following box shows what to expect depending on the outcome of the test.

#### Negative result

For all practical purposes, you aren't infected. However, make sure you see a doctor if you develop symptoms of a cold.

#### Positive result

You are infected with TB bacteria. However, this doesn't necessarily mean you will have to receive treatment. The decision to start treatment will depend on the result of the chest x-ray you will need to undergo.

#### Pseudo-positive result

The medical staff will decide how to proceed with your case after studying the results of others who took the test at the same time.

#### Indeterminate result

- ⑤ Depending on the results, you may receive an invitation to undergo a medical examination.