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Guidelines for Physician Referral of Patients to the Florida Department of Health- Collier for LTBI Evaluation & Treatment – September 2014

The following provides guidance for referral of patients to the Florida Department of Health-Collier (FDOH-Collier) TB program based on the Florida Department of Health's (FDOH) strategies for the control and prevention of TB in Florida. The first two strategies focus on identifying and treating persons with TB disease and the identification and treatment of latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) of contacts to TB cases. The third strategy is targeted testing and treatment to completion of persons with LTBI who are at high risk for progressing to TB disease.

Persons with suspected or confirmed TB disease are to be reported to the FDOH- Collier by the next business day at 252-2699 or 252-6007 in accordance with Florida Statutes 381.0031 and 392.53 and Rule 64D-3, Florida Administrative Code (FAC). A referral form is not required for reporting of suspect or confirmed TB cases.

Persons with Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI) - In order for the FDOH-Collier to make the best use of its limited resources in controlling and preventing TB disease in Collier we are only able to provide LTBI evaluation and treatment to those persons at highest risk for progression to TB disease who are likely to complete treatment. The attached referral form identifies those persons with LTBI at highest risk for progression to disease who the FDOH-Collier will evaluate and treat as appropriate. Persons who do not meet these criteria may be treated for LTBI by their private provider.

Referral Process

1. Complete the LTBI Referral Form and either fax a copy to the FDOH-Collier (239-252-8808) or give the patient a copy to bring to their FDOH-Collier appointment.
2. If an x-ray was performed either provide the patient with a copy of their x-ray report to bring to their appointment or fax a copy to the FDOH-Collier.
3. FDOH-Collier will evaluate the patient and provide LTBI treatment as appropriate.
4. FDOH-Collier will provide written follow-up to the provider of the outcome of the LTBI evaluation.

Please contact one of the following persons for further questions or information:

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