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Tuberculosis Risk Assessment/ TB Symptom Screening

Facility/Clinic information:

Client name _____ DOB_____

Date _____

A comprehensive Tuberculosis Risk Assessment was conducted on the above named individual and in accordance with current recommendations from the Center for Disease Control and Wyoming Department of Health a TB skin test is <u>not indicated</u> for this individual.

The TB Risk Assessment screens for the signs, symptoms and individual factors associated with acquiring Mycobacterium tuberculosis (TB). It identifies persons who are at risk for TB exposure and infection and screens out individuals who are not at risk. The risk assessment indicates only current and past risk factors and behaviors and further assessments may be necessary as risks and behaviors change. Use of the TB Risk Assessment as screening tool reduces unnecessary skin testing.

The Wyoming Department of Health recommends the use of targeted screening for TB infection and disease and testing should be considered for high risk groups only. Targeting screening to populations is the standard approach in the U.S. and falls into two categories, those at risk of exposure and infection and those at risk of active disease. If screening for TB is indicated the type of screening may vary and may include a tuberculin-skin test (TST), interferon gamma release assay (IGRA), or chest radiograph, depending on the situation.

Note: WDH acknowledges that the decision to screen for TB infection and disease in an individual is influenced by numerous factors, including clinical circumstances, and that clinical judgment by the healthcare provider is a critical component of the decision making process. These guidelines should not be interpreted as directing the clinical care and testing of an individual patient for whom TB infection or disease is considered a possibility by a healthcare provider.

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