

Orange County/Long Beach Consortium for Nursing

Patient's Name (print) : _____ Date: _____

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All nursing students are required to have an initial two step TB screening or a chest x-ray upon admission to the program. Two step tuberculin skin testing is done to detect delayed hypersensitivity reactions in people who have been infected with *mycobacterium tuberculosis*. If the first test reading is positive, no further skin testing is done. The person would then require follow-up by their health care provider including a chest x-ray to rule out active disease and evaluation for appropriate medication and follow-up therapy. If the first test reading is negative, the second test is performed 1-3 weeks later. If the second test is positive the person is classified as "previously infected" and cared for accordingly. Note: Documentation of the two step tuberculin skin test is required only once if the person continues to have annual skin testing.

Previous Positive TB Screening

For persons who have documentation of a previous positive PPD, no skin testing is performed and follow-up including health evaluation, symptom screening, and periodic chest x-rays is required per current CDC guidelines. Symptom screening review is to be completed yearly (see *Annual Health Screening Questionnaire for History of Positive TB Skin Test* form).

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TB Skin Test: 5Tu/0.1 ml administered intradermally

Test #1

#1 Date: _____ Site: _____ Signature: _____

#1 Reading Date: _____ mm induration: _____ mm erythema: _____

Results:

Positive

Negative

Reading Signature: _____

Test #2

#2 Date: _____ Site: _____ Signature: _____

#2 Reading Date: _____ mm induration: _____ mm erythema: _____

Results:

Positive

Negative

Reading Signature: _____