

A/B Tuberculosis Notification Report of Sentinel Event

Please use this form to report any of the following sentinel events identified in an immigrant arriving with a Class A/B notification. Check all that apply:

- Presence of acid-fast bacilli on examination in the United States (U.S.) with culture confirmation of *M.tb.*
- Identification of multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB) on evaluation of a newly arrived patient with Class A/B notification
- Sub-optimal treatment regimen prior to entering the U.S.
- Significant discrepancies between the U.S. health department and the overseas examination or treatment history
- Patients who underwent overseas screening and did not receive a TB classification, but were diagnosed with TB disease within 6 months of arrival in the U.S.
- Other (*Please describe*):

Statement of Problem:

Patient Information

Patient's Full Name: _____ Country of origin: _____
Alien Number: ____-____-____ DOB: ____/____/____ Date of U.S Entry: ____/____/____
B classification: B1 B2 B other TB No B class
Type of arriver: Immigrant Refugee Other

Contact Information

Your Name: _____ Title: _____
Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____ Email: _____
Jurisdiction: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Please attach results of the overseas and U.S. medical examinations, including any relevant worksheets. Check all items you are including:

Results of OVERSEAS medical examination:

- Medical Examination for Immigrant or Refugee Applicant (DS-2053)
- Medical Examination and Physical Examination Worksheet (DS-3026)
- Chest X-ray and Classification Worksheet (DS-3024)
- CDC 75.17 or Pre-Departure TB Classification Worksheet
- Additional overseas radiology reports
- Additional overseas laboratory reports
- Overseas hospital records

Results of U.S. medical examination:

- Patient hospital records
- Patient clinical progress notes
- U.S. radiology reports
- U.S. laboratory results
- U.S. local refugee health evaluation record

Please mail completed form and related documents to:

Questions? Call (510) 620-3045

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Instructions for Reporting Sentinel Events in Class A/B Notifications

Reporting sentinel events

The California Department of Health Services Tuberculosis (TB) Control Branch (TBCB) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are interested in capturing and resolving problems with the A/B notification system. Please use the "Report of Sentinel Events" form to report sentinel events to the TBCB as soon as possible following identification of a sentinel event.

Please be aware that these medical records may contain information about a patient's HIV status, as well as other confidential information. Therefore, when mailing reports of sentinel events, please use the two-envelope procedure described below. The TBCB will forward the information to CDC's Division of Global Migration and Quarantine (DGMQ). DGMQ has committed to take steps to investigate and resolve these sentinel events, and report results to the TBCB, which we will then share with you.

Missing medical evaluation or CDC 75.17 forms

In addition to reports of sentinel events, there have been reports of missing medical evaluation and/or CDC 75.17 forms at the time of the patient's arrival. If your jurisdiction is the original immigration destination of the patient, but you have not received the medical evaluation and/or 75.17 form(s), contact Phil Lowenthal of the TBCB who will attempt to obtain the forms from the appropriate quarantine station. If your jurisdiction is not the original immigration destination of the patient, contact the original destination, if known, to have the forms forwarded to you. If the original jurisdiction is not able to supply the forms, contact Phil Lowenthal for further assistance.

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In the event of an urgent question that will affect medical management of the patient please call Phil Lowenthal, who will facilitate rapid communication with TBCB medical staff and DGMQ.

Mailing confidential documents

Whenever documents containing confidential medical information are mailed, the following two-envelope procedure should be used:

- Place the patient's paperwork in an envelope, seal it with tape, and mark it "confidential"
- Address it to the authorized surveillance individual (above)
- Place the aforementioned envelope inside another envelope with the appropriate address and name of the authorized surveillance individual (above), and seal it with tape
- Please note that the outside envelope should not read "confidential"