

## QuantIFERON<sup>®</sup>-TB Gold

This convenient test requires only one visit, is fast, safe and effective. QuantIFERON-TB Gold is FDA approved and identified by the CDC as "the biggest breakthrough in tuberculosis since the advent of antibiotics." Using a small sample of blood, the TB germ is identified through an objective and controlled lab test which is highly sensitive to active TB. No delay and no 2nd visit necessary for "reading of results". The test can be done repeatedly without loss of effectiveness, if there is a need to verify the result. If the test results are positive, you would be called back in for a chest X-ray and a sample of sputum (phlegm that is coughed up from deep in the lungs) may be needed to determine if the TB germ is in the latent TB infection stage, or if it is actively multiplying within your body, causing the TB disease. Your doctor would then advise you if the further results are positive as to your course of treatment. Follow your doctor's advice and take the medicine as prescribed. Today, TB is easily prevented and cured with proper medication.

## More Good News to Help Make the Choice that is Right for You!

In 2006, Cellestis, Inc. obtained a rapid PMA approval for Scantibodies Laboratory (Santee, CA) to produce the Cellestis Cell Mediated Tuberculosis Test which has been named "QuantIFERON-TB Gold." This whole blood assay effectively and conveniently tests for latent and active tuberculosis in the body. Here are some of the benefits of testing with QuantIFERON-TB Gold:

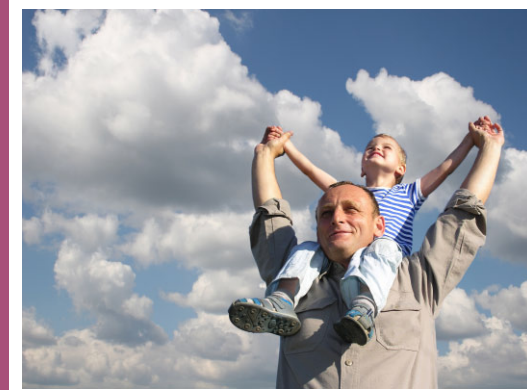
- Unaffected by BCG vaccination
- Highly Sensitive for Active TB
- Eliminates false positives from NTM
- Conveniently requires only one visit
- Is an objective test with a "yes" or "no" answer
- Is a controlled laboratory test with no possibility of side effects
- Is recommended by the Center for Disease Control
- Is FDA approved

You can have the test done through your doctor. It will be run at Scantibodies Clinical Laboratory to ensure accurate results.

For more information  
please contact:

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reported TB  
cases in  
San Diego  
last year..*



*You have a  
Choice for  
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## What is TB?

"TB" is short for the disease called tuberculosis. It is spread through the air from one person to another when someone who is sick with TB disease of the lungs or throat coughs, speaks, laughs, sings or sneezes. Anyone who is near the sick person can breathe TB germs into their lungs.

TB germs can live in your body without making you sick. When the TB germs are inactive (sleeping) in the body, this is called a latent TB infection. However, if these germs wake up and begin to multiply in the body, you will get sick with TB disease.

When TB germs are actively multiplying in the body, the TB disease will usually attack the lungs. They can also attack other parts of the body such as the kidneys, brain or spine. TB disease will make you sick. People with TB disease may spread the germs to people they spend time with every day.



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## How can I tell if I have been exposed to TB?

Any person can be exposed to TB if they have spent time near someone with TB disease of the lungs or throat. A person gets infected by breathing in TB germs that an infected person coughs or spews into the air. You cannot get TB from someone's clothes, drinking glass, eating utensils, handshake, toilet, or other surfaces where a TB patient has been. It is estimated that some 10-15 million people in the United States carry the latent TB germ, which may become active TB in the future. Persons at higher risk for TB include:

- People who share the same breathing space with a TB patient (family, friends, co-workers)
- Poor and homeless people
- Nursing home residents and prisoners
- Alcoholics and intravenous drug users (IVDUs)
- People with medical conditions (diabetes, some cancers, underweight individuals, HIV infection)

Symptoms include feeling weak or sick, weight loss, fever and/or night sweats. TB in the lungs may produce a cough, chest pain, and/or coughing up blood. Other symptoms depend on what part of the body has been affected.

*Be Informed,  
So You Can  
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## How would I know if I have been infected with TB?

If you have been around someone who has TB disease, you should visit your doctor or your local health department for tests. The exciting good news in TB testing is that there is a modern alternative to the 100-year old Tuberculin Skin Test. QuantiFERON-TB Gold (QFT-G) is a blood test which measures how a person's system reacts to the germs which cause TB.

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