

Tuberculosis and Chest Service, Department of Health

Know more about Tuberculosis

Tubercle bacillus is transmitted by tiny droplets in the air.

Cover mouth and nose with tissue paper or handkerchief when sneezing or coughing. Sputum should be flushed away in the toilet or wrapped in tissue paper before disposed in dust-bins.

BCG (Bacille Calmette Guerin) vaccination is given to all newborn babies to protect them from contracting tuberculosis. Children aged under 15 who have never received the vaccine before are also recommended to have BCG vaccination.

Seek for medical advice if the following symptoms occur: persistent cough, blood in sputum, decreased appetite, persistent fever, night sweating, weight loss, chest pain, shortness of breath.

Patients with tuberculosis should receive drug treatment under DOT (Directly Observed Treatment) (6 months). The infectiousness can be reduced quickly, and the disease can be cured completely.

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