

## **TUBERCULOSIS (TB) BLOOD TEST**

### **Requirement:**

***This specific TB clearance method ONLY applies to students WITHOUT a Positive TB test in their medical history.***

For your **initial** SONDH TB clearance, you **MUST** get **1** of the 2 following CDC approved Interferon-Gamma Release Assays (**IGRAs**) TB blood tests:

- **QuantiFERON TB-Gold (QFT, also sometimes called QFT-GIT)**
- **T-SPOT TB Test (also sometimes called Tspot)**

Your initial QFT or T-SPOT TB test **MUST** be **done in the USA**

**AND your blood MUST be drawn for this test ON or AFTER:** SEE CHECKLIST OR EMAIL FOR INSTRUCTIONS. TB TESTS MUST BE VALID TO THE END OF CLINICAL ROTATIONS AND CANNOT EXPIRE MID ROTATION PER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS. *Ensure that your initial QFT or T-SPOT TB test will clear you for the entire upcoming clinical rotation (i.e., no mid-semester renewal).*

If your **QFT** or **T-SPOT** TB blood test result is:

- **NEGATIVE:** Good news, you are **CLEAR!**
- **POSITIVE:** You have a positive TB test: **See Positive TB in Medical History (Form P-3 and Form D) under the Immunization Forms section of the UHP website**
- **EQUIVOCAL** or **INDETERMINATE:** Immediately send your lab report to UHP, and UHP will send you follow-up instructions.

### **Documentation:**

The lab report for your **QFT** or **T-SPOT** TB test report **MUST** contain:

- 1. Your full name (first and last)**
- 2. The date your blood sample was collected**
- 3. An interpretation OR key to interpret the test results**

### **2 Reminders about “Live” Vaccines (e.g., MMR, VZV, etc.):**

1. Make sure you have **NOT** received any “live” vaccines 6-weeks prior to having your blood drawn for you QFT or T-Spot TB blood test.
2. Do **NOT** get any “live” vaccine until you get your QFT or T-Spot TB blood test results back.

### **Questions about the SONDH Health Clearance:**

If you have any questions about the SONDH TB requirement or any of the SONDH health clearance requirements, please email UHP at [uhphealth@ucera.org](mailto:uhphealth@ucera.org).