



NWT Clinical Practice Information Notice

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X	Doctor's Offices		Social Services Offices	X	Public Health Units		Please list other(s):		

The information contained in this document is a Departmental:

Policy	X	Clinical Standard		Protocol		Procedure		Clinical Practice Guideline
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Title: NWT Tuberculosis (TB) Program

Effective Date: April 2023

CPI# 179 replaces CPI# 114 (Revised NWT TB Protocol).

The CPHO is officially adopting the [**Canadian Tuberculosis Standards, 8th Edition, 2022 \(CTBS\)**](#) as the approved standard reference for the prevention, diagnosis, and management of TB disease and TB infection. The following documents have been updated to reflect this new reference and will provide direction and guidance for the NWT TB Program:

- This CPI on NWT TB Program
<https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/professionals/sites/professionals/files/resources/cpi-179-nwt-tb-program.pdf>
- NWT TB Program Standards
<https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/professionals/sites/professionals/files/resources/nwt-tb-program-standards.pdf>
- NWT Communicable Disease Manual Chapter on TB
<https://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/professionals/sites/professionals/files/resources/cdc-tuberculosis.pdf>

These documents now replace the 2014 NWT TB Manual. The previous TB manual was a combination of standards, clinical practice information, program guidelines and clinical procedures that had repetitive information that could be found in the [**CTBS**](#). We have downsized to include a CPI that endorses the new [**CTBS**](#) as the go to reference for TB case management.

The [**CTBS**](#) do not supersede any Provincial/Territorial legislative, regulatory, policy and practice requirements or professional guidelines that govern the practice of health professionals in the NWT. The standards are not intended to replace consultations regarding management of individual patients or other circumstances between providers and persons with relevant expertise in TB.

The [NWT TB Standards 2023](#) are the approved standards for the NWT TB Program.

These are the expected standards for the delivery of an NWT TB Program not covered explicitly by the [**CTBS, 8th Edition, 2022**](#). The [**NWT TB Standards**](#) are based on best recommendations from the Canadian Standards and NWT specific regulations under the NWT [**Public Health Act**](#). They also account for TB in the NWT context. The [**NWT TB Standards**](#) have key indicators which will be measured and audited to provide quality assurance for the safe delivery of TB care in the NWT.

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The [**TB Chapter update in the Communicable Disease Manual**](#) provides guidelines in 2 sections: TB disease (Section 1) and TB infection (Section 2). The purpose of the chapter is to ensure NWT health care providers are familiar with the identification of and reporting requirements for TB that are legislated under the [NWT Public Health Act](#). It provides guidance on the public health management of cases and contacts to prevent the spread or outbreaks of TB as well as guidance on managing TB surveillance programs to identify and monitor those persons at high-risk for developing TB disease.

An electronic copy of this notice is also available on the Department of Health and Social Services public website at: <http://www.professionals.hss.gov.nt.ca/document-categories/clinical-practice-information-notices>.

This clinical practice is approved. _____

April 26, 2023

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