



WHAT DOES A *Positive TB skin Test* MEAN?

A positive reaction usually means that you have been infected with the TB germ. This person is said to have TB infection. But, a positive TB skin test may also mean that you have TB disease. You will need further tests to tell if you have TB infection or TB disease.

Will I need another skin test?

No. Although getting another TB skin test would not be harmful to you, proof of your positive test will help you avoid having to get re-tested. Once you have had a positive skin test it usually stays positive your whole life (even if you are treated). Keep a record of your positive skin test result in case you are asked to get another one in the future.

What other tests do I need?

You will need to have a chest x-ray to make sure that the germs have not already started to affect your lungs (TB disease). You should also have a medical evaluation to see if you need treatment.

You may qualify for Medi-Cal benefits. People with TB infection or TB disease may also qualify for TB-Cal. To find out about your eligibility and to request an information packet and application, please call 1-858-514-6885. Collect calls are accepted.