**Can TB germs grow with BCG vaccine?**
Yes, thousands of people each year develop TB even though they have had a BCG vaccine.

**What is BCG?**
BCG stands for Bacillus Calmette-Guerin. The BCG is a vaccination given in many countries to help prevent TB. It is almost never used in the United States.

**Why was I given BCG?**
BCG was given to lower your risk of developing TB. The BCG vaccine is important for young children who live in countries where there is a lot of TB. It protects them from developing serious forms of TB disease.

**Does BCG make my skin test positive?**
It can. But if it has been several years since your vaccination or if you come from a country where many people have TB, your positive skin test result is probably from TB, not your BCG.

**Can a person with BCG vaccine still get a TB skin test?**
Yes, a TB skin test can be done even if you had the BCG vaccine.

**Should I tell my doctor when I had BCG?**
Yes, and let your doctor know when you had your last BCG vaccine.

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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.