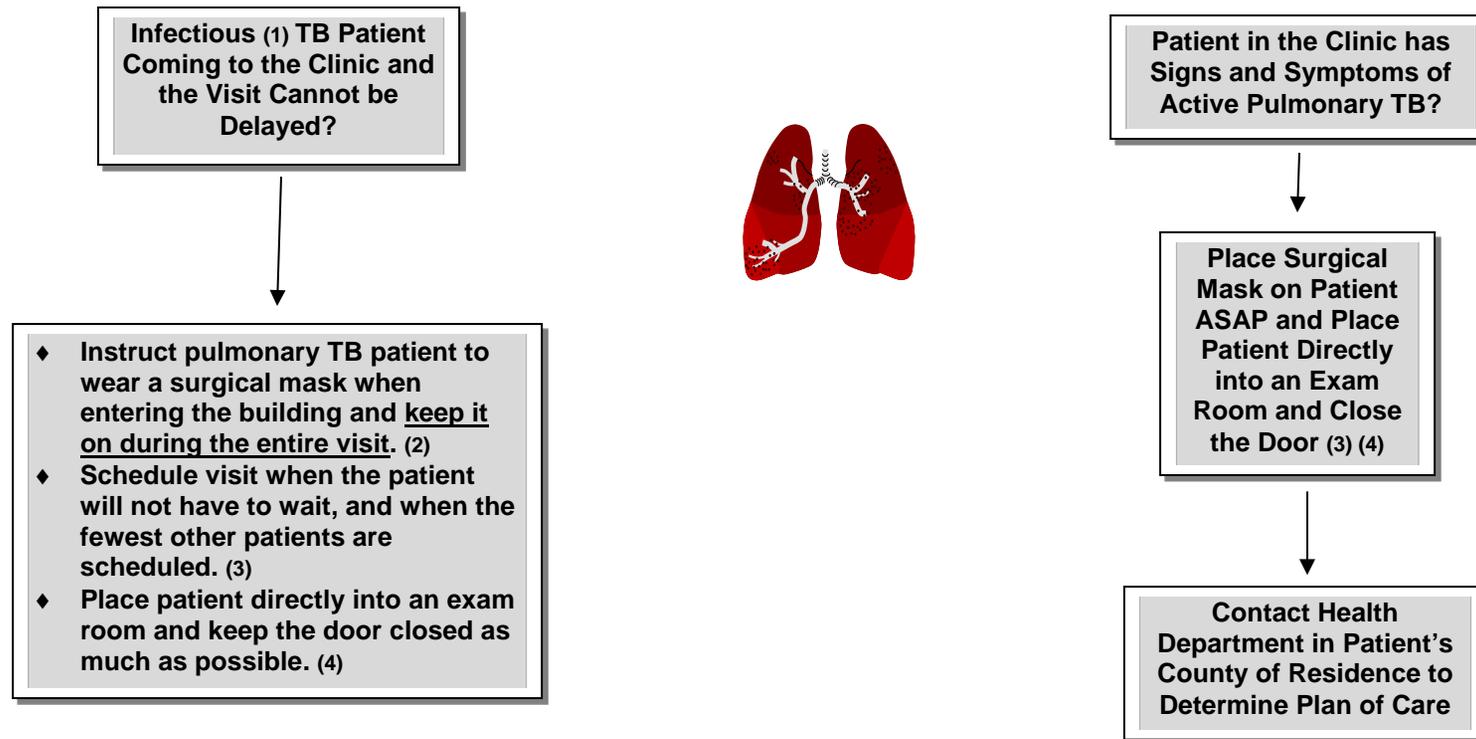


TB ECP Appendix B

Clinic Visits from Known or Suspect TB Patients

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https://www.safety.duke.edu/sites/default/files/TB_Patient_Clinic_Visit_Flowchart.pdf



- (1) **Pulmonary TB** – Smear positive patients are infectious. Noninfectious is: 2 negative sputum smears (collected at least 8 hours apart; patient is clinically improving; and is on effective drug therapy for 2 weeks). Confer with Health Department in patient's county of residence to determine this.
 - **Wounds or Open Draining Lesions** – Unhealed wounds and lesions are infectious and must be completely covered. Irrigation of unhealed wounds or lesions will produce infectious aerosols and airborne precautions must be taken. Noninfectious is: The patient has been on effective anti-tuberculosis treatment for at least 2 weeks and the wound or lesion is healed.
- (2) Respiratory protection is not needed for the employee if the patient is wearing a surgical mask. In an emergency with an unmasked patient a N95 respirator is acceptable temporary protection whether the employee is fit-tested or not.
- (3) If the exam room is an "Airborne Infection Isolation (AII) Room" perform the tissue test and document results. If the exam room is not an AII room use a portable HEPA if available.
- (4) After discharge, if the patient wore a surgical mask, routine procedures are used to clean the exam room. If the patient did not wear a surgical mask, the room must sit empty with the door closed 30 minutes for AII rooms or rooms that used a portable HEPA, and 60 minutes for other exam rooms. Do not enter the exam room during this time without respiratory protection.