

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS (TB)

THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING MORE

Learn more about bovine tuberculosis.



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WHAT IS BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS (TB)?

Besides the human version of tuberculosis, there is a bovine or cattle version of TB called bovine tuberculosis (bovine TB). Bovine TB is predominantly found among cattle and other grazing animals. However, bovine TB is also transmissible to humans.



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¿HOW DOES BOVINE TB SPREAD?

People are most commonly infected with bovine TB by eating or drinking contaminated, unpasteurized dairy products. Another way people are infected with bovine TB is by working in close-proximity with infected cattle. The bacteria that cause bovine TB is found in the saliva and wounds, and of infected cattle and can spread through the air.



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WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF TB?

Symptoms of TB disease depend on where in the body the TB bacteria are growing. TB bacteria usually grow in the lungs. Active lung TB can cause: bad cough that lasts for 3 weeks or longer, chest pain, coughing up blood, fatigue, weight loss, chills, fever, and sweating at night.



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HOW IS TB DIAGNOSED?

There are three kinds of clinical tests: (1) skin test, (2) blood test, and (3) urine test.



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IS THERE TREATMENT FOR TB?

TB can be cured with treatment. It is very important that people who have TB disease are treated, finish the medicine, and take the drugs exactly as prescribed. Without treatment latent TB infection can progress to active TB disease. If not treated properly, TB disease can be fatal.




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