



Regional Health System

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RE: Guidelines for Preventing the Transmission of Tuberculosis in Health Care Facilities

I have a few concerns with the proposed guidelines. First, I believe that particulate respirators are going overboard. The cost of these masks along with the fit testing that is required will be quite expensive for the hospital. These masks appear quite uncomfortable for the employees.

Secondly, the amount of PPD testing is necessary, but where do you come up with manpower hours? There is one Infection Control/Employee Health nurse and one part-time employee in this department to test between 700-800 employees. I am sure that I am not in a unique situation.

After an exposure to a tuberculosis positive patient, the employees receive a PPD. Some employees are being tested approximately every three months. I feel at some point the employees will become resistant to this testing at such a close time interval.

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