

TB and Your Child

A Resource for Parents with Children under 5 years of Age



Important facts about TB and young children

Children under age 5 years:

- Are at the highest risk for getting sick from TB when exposed to an adult who is coughing TB germs
- Are most likely to get very serious form of TB such as meningitis
- Can have active TB and not seem sick at all

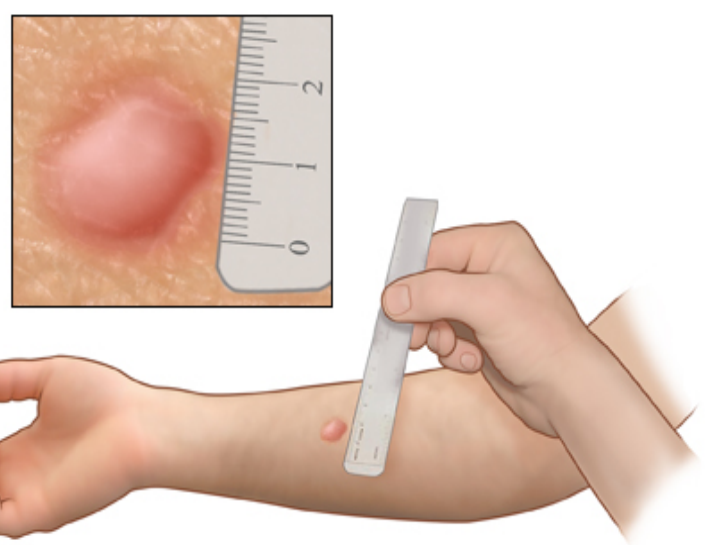


I want to do everything I can to protect my baby from tuberculosis.



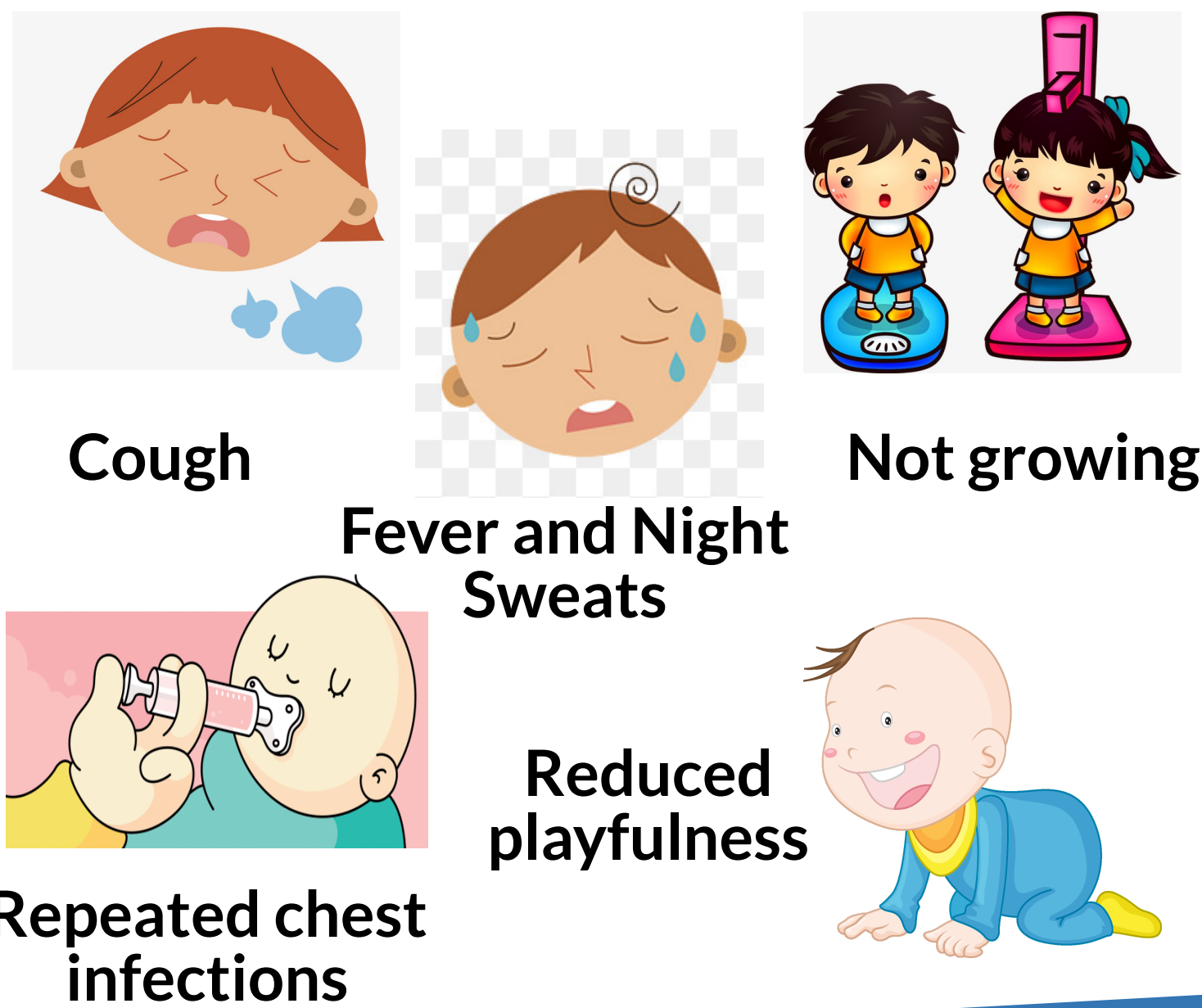
What can I do?

If you have past + TB skin test you are at higher risk for getting sick from TB- be alert for TB symptoms



*Tuberculin skin testing of parents is not recommended for screening

Watch for Symptoms of TB in Children



Repeated chest infections

Keep adults who are coughing away from your child and encourage them to get checked for TB



See your health care provider if either you or your child have symptoms of TB



Your health care provider may screen your child for TB if:

- Your child has symptoms of TB or has been exposed to an adult who has TB
- You are in a community with a high incidence of TB

They will:

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Ask you about symptoms and if there has been any adults who are coughing in your home

Do a TB skin test if your child is older than 6 months of age

Try to obtain sputum if your child is coughing

Refer to another care provider for additional testing if needed

