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Unite to End TB! **World TB Day 2016 is on March 24th.**

This day each year is designed to build public awareness that tuberculosis today remains an epidemic in much of the world. Although the number of TB cases in Canada has declined, TB continues to be present in specific populations.

Who should be tested for TB? You should be tested if you:

- have immigrated from or spent time in a country where TB is common;
- have spent time with a person who has active TB disease;
- live in an aboriginal community where TB is common;
- work in health care or live in a communal living setting (e.g., shelter, LTCH or corrections);
- are homeless or underhoused;
- use injection drugs.

Recognize possible signs and symptoms of Tuberculosis. Early diagnosis and treatment reduces spread.



<http://www.cdc.gov/tb/publications/posters/images/thinktbposter.pdf>

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