

Effective Interviewing for Tuberculosis Contact Investigation Video TB INTERVIEW CHECKLIST

Pre-Interview Activities

- Review medical record
 - ✓ Information on diagnosis/medical history
 - ✓ Notes on social history, language/cultural barriers
 - ✓ Locating information
- Establish preliminary infectious period
- Develop an interview strategy
- Arrange interview time and place (if applicable)

Introduction

- Introduce self
 - ✓ Provide identification
 - ✓ Explain role in TB program
- Explain purpose of interview
- Build trust and rapport
- Discuss patient confidentiality
 - ✓ Sharing identity and diagnosis on a need-to-know basis

Collect & Confirm Patient Information

- Assess patient's ability to communicate
- Collect/confirm the following:
 - ✓ Name/alias(es)/nickname(s)
 - ✓ Date of birth
 - ✓ Address/phone number(s)
 - ✓ Country of birth
 - ✓ Other locating information
 - ✓ Next of kin
 - ✓ Physical description
 - ✓ Known exposure to TB
 - ✓ Symptom history
 - ✓ Recent hospitalization(s)
 - ✓ Medical provider for TB
 - ✓ Other medical conditions
 - ✓ Lifestyle factors
 - ✓ Outpatient/DOT plan
 - ✓ Barriers to adherence
 - ✓ Transportation availability

Education/Information Exchange

- Assess TB comprehension
- Discuss basis of current diagnosis
 - ✓ Bacteriology, radiology, symptom history, infectiousness
- Provide education
 - ✓ Transmission
 - ✓ Exposure vs. transmission
 - ✓ Infection vs. disease
 - ✓ Disease intervention behaviors
 - ✓ Treatment plan (treatable and curable)
 - ✓ DOT/importance of treatment adherence
 - ✓ Follow-up medical appointments
 - ✓ Rationale for identifying and evaluating contacts
- Review significance of infectious period with patient and modify as needed

Contact Identification

- Focus on infectious period
- Explain high/low-risk contacts
- Stress importance of identification of all contacts
- Collect information on contacts in:
 - ✓ Household/residence
 - ✓ Social/recreational
 - ✓ Workplace
 - ✓ School
 - ✓ Place of worship
 - ✓ Other congregate settings
- Discuss visits to exposure sites and sharing information on need-to-know basis
- Referral method for contact notification

Collect Contact Information

- Name/alias(es)/nicknames
- Age/date of birth
- Country of birth
- Race/gender
- Physical description
- Address/telephone numbers
- Other locating information
- Dates of first/last exposure during infectious period
- Hours of exposure per week during infectious period

Conclusion

- Request/answer patient's questions
- Review/reinforce adherence plan
- Confirm next appointment (if applicable)
- Arrange re-interview and home visit (if not already completed)
- Leave business card or name and telephone number
- Thank patient and close interview