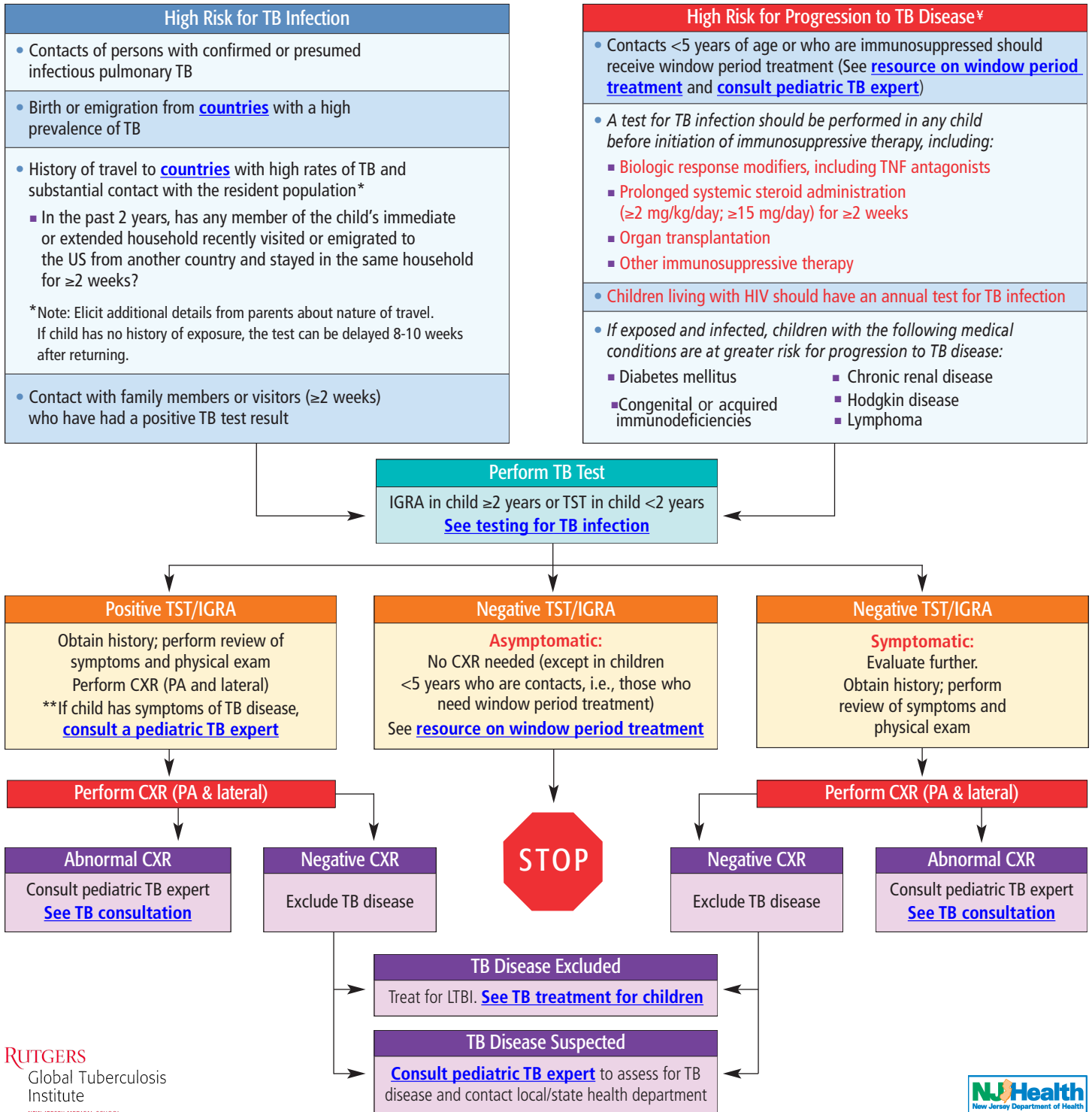


# Pediatric Tuberculosis (TB) Risk Assessment Tool

**E**arly diagnosis and appropriate treatment of children latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) prevents morbidity and mortality. Young children with LTBI are at significant risk of progression to severe forms of TB disease. Infection is likely to be recent in children and adolescents and recent primary infection poses the greatest risk of progression. Consult a pediatric TB expert for evaluation of children who have symptoms of TB (e.g., cough, fever, night sweats, loss of appetite, weight loss or fatigue, failure to thrive, or an abnormal chest X-ray).

**All children with a positive test for TB infection should be evaluated for TB disease before initiating LTBI treatment.**



<sup>‡</sup>At each visit, information regarding potential exposure to TB should be elicited from parents of these children.

\*\*Early symptoms of TB disease in children can be non-specific and may include poor appetite, failure to gain weight, growth delays, and general malaise, as well as classic signs such as cough, fever, and weight loss. Many children are asymptomatic and have a normal physical exam. Neurological symptoms may include decreased activity or playfulness, lethargy or irritability, somnolence, vomiting, headache, or seizures. Children suspected of having TB disease, including extrapulmonary involvement, should be referred to a specialist with expertise in management of pediatric TB.

# Pediatric Tuberculosis (TB) Risk Assessment

**P**lease select **Yes** or **No** for each of the following questions to assist your child's pediatrician:

Does your child have any symptoms of TB (cough, fever, night sweats, loss of appetite, weight loss, less playful or energetic, showing signs of being more tired than usual)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Has your child spent time with anyone sick with TB?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
In the last 12 months, has your child lived with or spent significant time with anyone with a long-lasting cough?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Has your child had a chest X-ray in the past year?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
<b>TB is more common in countries in Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union</b>		
Were you or your child born in a country that is in an area listed above?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
In the past 2 years, have you or your child traveled to a country that is in an area listed above? If yes, did you or child spend most of the time with family and friends or other people in the community?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> No
In the past 2 years, have you had visitors from outside of the U.S. visit your home for at least 14 days? If yes, please write which country they visited from: _____	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Does your child have HIV infection?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Does your child have diabetes?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Does your child have a serious kidney disease?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Has your child been diagnosed with a weakened immune system? If yes, is your child taking medication for this?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> No
Is your child taking medication for nephrotic syndrome (a kidney disorder), rheumatoid arthritis, Crohn's disease, or similar conditions?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Is your child currently taking steroids, or have they ever taken steroids for 2 weeks or more?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Has your child had an organ transplant?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No