

Could it be TB?

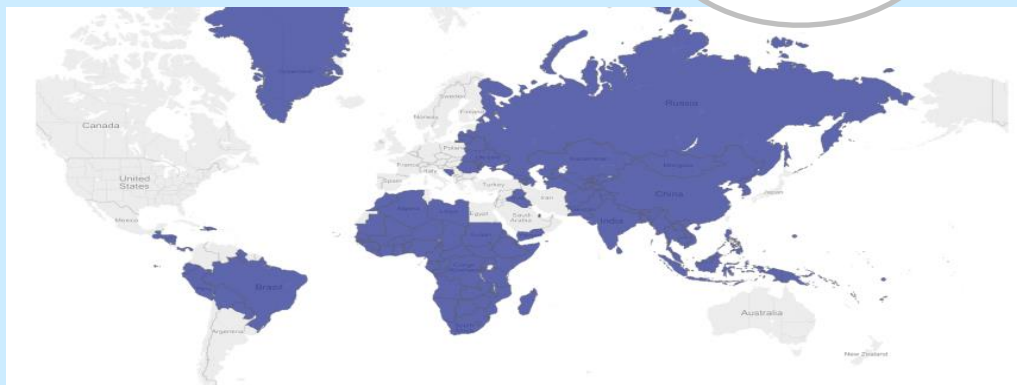
One third of the world is infected with Tuberculosis (TB).

In Australia, more than 1200 people are diagnosed with TB every year.

Think TB

Maintain a high index of suspicion when people:

- Present with persistent (>3 weeks) cough, weight loss, night sweats, fever
- Were born in or have spent time in a high TB endemic country, see highlighted countries below*.



*Countries with TB incidence \geq 40 per 100,000 population

Full list available at:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/tuberculosis/Documents/countries-incidence.pdf>

Test for TB

Arrange for a chest x-ray and collect sputum specimens for AFB smear, PCR and culture along with routine M/C/S, **PRIOR** to commencing any antimicrobial therapy.

Tell TB services

Refer to your local TB service for **free** diagnosis, treatment and contact tracing investigation services.

Early diagnosis and treatment protects us all!

Your local TB Service can be found on the list at

www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/tuberculosis/Pages/chest-clinics.aspx

Or visit the NSW TB Program website at

www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/tuberculosis/