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To: **Health Care Providers**
From: Dr. Karalyn Dueck, Medical Officer of Health
Re: Tuberculosis Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) Tubersol Ordering Reminder

Tubersol Ordering Reminder

As per the Ministry of Health, when health care providers obtain publicly funded Tubersol from Lambton Public Health (LPH), a system must be in place to ensure the publicly funded Tubersol is not being used for uninsured purposes. LPH may request to observe and verify this system prior to release of Tubersol as well as during cold chain inspection. Please note that LPH does not administer tuberculosis tuberculin skin tests (TSTs) for employment, volunteer, or school purposes.

Publicly-funded Tubersol is to be used for medically necessary circumstances:

- Exposure to infectious TB disease (i.e., contacts of an active TB disease case).
- Tests deemed to be “medically necessary” by the client’s primary care provider.
- Screening as requested by long-term care or retirement home facilities.
- When required by an educational institution for admission or continuation in a daycare or preschool program, or a program of study in a school, community college, university, or other educational institution.

Tubersol is not to be used for uninsured TB testing which include:

- Solely for employment services.
- Volunteer positions.

When uninsured testing is performed, the Tubersol should be either:

- i) Acquired by the health care provider and sold to the patient. If proceeding with this process, health care providers may contact Sanofi Pasteur at 1-888-621-1146 or www.sanofipasteur.ca for information about Tubersol purchase.
- ii) Alternatively clients may be referred to a local test location that provides testing for a fee: [Click to see TB Testing Locations](#).

For more information, please contact LPH at 519-383-8331 or 1-800-667-1839.