

# #TuberculosisCanBeCured

**Tuberculosis** is a serious illness that mainly affects the lungs. The germs which cause tuberculosis are a type of bacteria (Koch bacilli).

**TB can be cured**, but it can be severe if not treated.

In Romania, access to TB dispensaries and specialized hospitals, the investigations and diagnosis for suspected TB cases, as well as TB treatment and follow-up, are **free of charge for everyone** regardless of insurance status.

## TB symptoms

Tuberculosis symptoms usually appear gradually and may include:

- ✓ Cough lasting more than 3 weeks, sometimes with sputum or blood
- ✓ Fatigue/exhaustion
- ✓ Fever and/or night sweats
- ✓ Loss of appetite
- ✓ Weight loss
- ✓ Feeling generally unwell
- ✓ Children may also have growth delay



**CONSULTATION,  
DIAGNOSIS AND  
TREATMENT  
ARE FREE OF CHARGE!**

**Anyone who has a cough lasting more than 3 weeks, cough with blood or unexplained weight loss/fever/night sweats should be assessed promptly.**

## Tests for detecting TB

If you have symptoms of tuberculosis (TB), tests you may have include:

- ✓ Chest X-ray, ultrasound or other imaging tests such as CT scan of the chest or the part of the body that may be affected
- ✓ Sputum samples (thick mucus coughed up from the lungs)
- ✓ A biopsy to take a sample of tissue, cells or fluid from the affected area.

## Treatment for TB

The main treatment for tuberculosis consists of taking specific antibiotics for at least 6 months.

**It's important to take your antibiotics exactly as prescribed by your doctor and to follow the treatment through to the end, even if you start to feel better. Stopping treatment too early can lead to tuberculosis coming back.**

## TB can be cured

If the treatment is followed according to the regimen, most people diagnosed with TB can be cured—meaning they can return to a normal life and regain their ability to go back to work.

**There is no need to feel ashamed or stigmatised if you contract TBC - it is a medical condition that can affect anyone. With the right treatment, most people can be cured.**

## Benefits for patients who follow TB treatment

Diagnosis and care for TB are free of charge for all patients in Romania, regardless of health insurance status:

- ✓ Diagnostic tests are free of charge.
- ✓ People who have been diagnosed with TB are entitled free health insurance for the duration of treatment.
- ✓ Treatment and follow-up are free of charge.
- ✓ Patients are entitled to sick leave and meal vouchers.



Location of TB dispensaries  
and hospitals →



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