

J. Triage Criteria for Respiratory Isolation

ADAPTED FROM HARBOR-UCLA TRIAGE CRITERIA RESPIRATORY ISOLATION OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS (RIPT)

Chief Complaint _____ Date _____

CHECK ALL APPLICABLE RISK FACTORS, SYMPTOMS, OR COMPLAINTS

RISK FACTORS:

- (2) HIV Infection
- (1) Male Homosexual
- (1) Foreign-Born
- (2) Homeless or in Shelter
- (1) Intravenous Drug User
- (4) History of TB Now or at Any Time In the Past (even if on meds)
- (2) Incarcerated Within Last 2 Years
- (2) Newly TST or IGRA results Positive (within 2 years) or History of Recent TB Exposure

SYMPTOMS/COMPLAINTS:

- (3) Cough (any duration)
- (2) Fever or Chills or Night Sweats
- (2) Weight Loss >10 Pounds
- (5) Hemoptysis (blood in sputum)

Total Points _____

RIPT FOR 5 OR MORE POINTS

Add up points. Respiratory Isolation scale scores of 5 or more points indicate a need for immediate mask and respiratory isolation. For patients meeting criteria, please order a posterior-anterior (PA) and lateral chest x-ray and have an emergency medicine senior resident or emergency medicine attending physician record their reading of the chest x-ray and their decision regarding the need for continued isolation below. This form should be attached to the nursing notes for the patient and, when the chart is broken down, returned to the envelope by the clerk's desk. All patients with scores of 5 or more must be entered in the RIPT logbook.

Name _____
LAST
FIRST
MI

Assigned RIPT Number _____

CHEST X-RAY RESULT

(To Be Recorded By Physician Reading Film, Check All That Apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Upper Lobe Infiltrate(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Infiltrate Not in Upper Lobe(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diffuse Infiltrate or Interstitial Pattern | <input type="checkbox"/> Pleural Effusion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mediastinal Lymphadenopathy | <input type="checkbox"/> Mass or Coin Lesion (not cavitary) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Findings (hyperinflation, rib fractures, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cavitary Lesion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Normal | |