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# LTBI policy in Finland



# LTBI screening, target groups

- Contacts of pulmonary TB patients (smear+/culture+ and family member/other TB and aerosol), age less than 35 years (new recommendations)
- Patients starting TNF-alpha therapy or other highly immunosuppressive treatment
- Patients preparing for organ or hematologic transplantation
- HIV positive
- Recommendations for how to screen and how to treat exist

# Monitoring and evaluation

- Not included in the National Infectious Disease Register
- Based on the efforts of health districts; not included in the routine work of all districts
- For contact tracing plans to start monitoring process through "Virtual hospital"

# Challenges

- Screening and treatment not fully comprehensive
- Contact tracing and screening before TNF-alpha therapy most accepted, with HIV positive situation variable within the country
- Follow-up and monitoring depends on individual/regional activity



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