



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

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Unit 14010 (Andersen AFB, Guam)
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MEMORANDUM FOR 36 WG


FROM: 36 MDG/SGP

SUBJECT: Policy Letter on Tuberculosis Skin Testing

1. While tuberculosis (TB) is a low health threat in the United States, averaging 4 active cases per 100,000 tested each year, the Guam Department of Health and Human Services reported an infection rate of 57.3 active TB cases per 100,000 people tested in 2010. Of all the active cases reported on the island, the 36th Medical Group did not provide care to any of them. While TB risk is elevated on island, cases primarily occur among certain local subpopulations residing on Guam and risk to military personnel and dependants is considered low.
2. In the interest of our overall community health, the 36th Chief of Aerospace Medicine directs the following tuberculosis skin testing schedule:

Personnel Tested	Frequency of Testing
All gaining AD AF personnel to AAFB	Baseline & 90 days after PCS depending on risk
All dependents	Baseline & 90 days after PCS depending on risk
School age children	Initial, then every two years
Food Service personnel	IAW Guam Health Card requirements
CDC Staff/children	Initial, then every two years
Returning deployers w/positive findings on DD Form 2796/TB questionnaire	90 days following return from deployment
Civilian FD/SFS Personnel	Baseline & 90 days after PCS depending on risk

3. Any questions regarding this letter should be directed to Capt Don Michael at 366-4147.


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