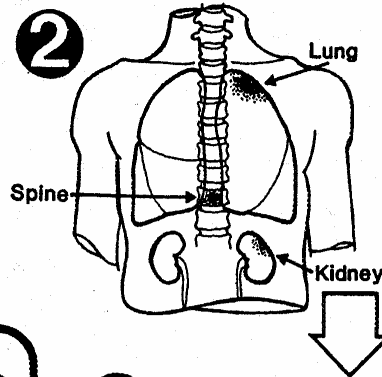


A basic explanation of the cycle of TB Infection & Disease

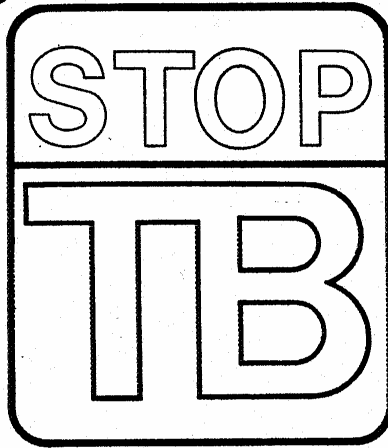
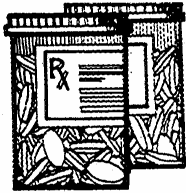
1 TB is spread when a person with active TB coughs, sings, or speaks and you breathe the air contaminated with TB germs.



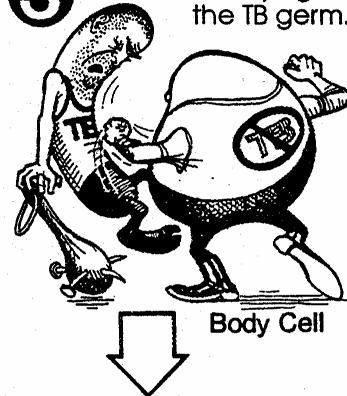
2 The germs reach your lungs. From there they can go to other parts of your body.



3 You need to take your medicine to help you get better and to prevent you from spreading the TB germs to others.

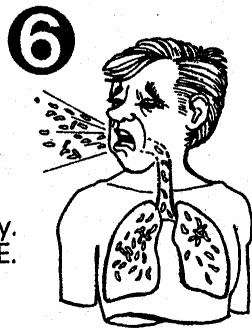


3 Your body fights the TB germ.



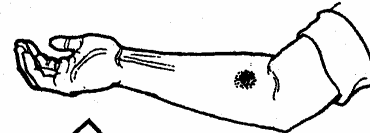
4 If you don't take medicine, the TB germs may wake up and attack your lungs and other parts of your body. This is called TB DISEASE.

- You feel sick with fever, weight loss or cough .
- You have active TB germs in your body .
- You may give TB to others .

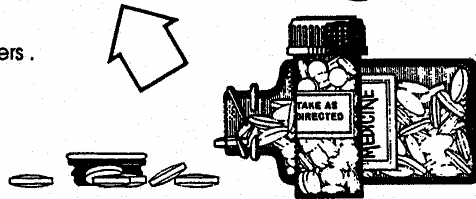


4 Usually the germs go to sleep in your body. This is called TB INFECTION.

- You have a positive skin test .
- You don't feel sick .
- You can't give TB to others .



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5 You can take medicine to keep you from getting active TB.



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