What You Need to Know About the Quantiferon - TB Gold Test (Tuberculosis)

Why the Quantiferon-TB Gold Test?
- It is a newly approved blood test for detecting TB (tuberculosis) infection
- It will detect if you have ever had TB germs in your body
- It provides greater accuracy than the TB skin test
- It is not affected by a previous dose of the BCG vaccine making this test very accurate

Who needs the Quantiferon-TB Gold Test?
- All newly admitted international students to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln
- All Intensive English Students

Where do I have the Quantiferon-TB Gold Test done?
- At the University Health Center (UHC) located at 1500 U Street
- Call (402) 472-5000 to make an appointment with the immunization nurse
- Bring your immunization records with you to the appointment

What do the test results mean?
- Everyone will receive a letter from the UHC with their test results
- A positive test result means:
  - You have TB germs in your body
  - You will need to check-in at the appointment desk at the UHC for a chest x-ray and to make a provider visit
  - You may be asked if you have HIV; TB infection and HIV together can make you very sick quickly
  - If you do not know if you have HIV, a free HIV test will be ordered for you
- An indeterminate test result means:
  - It does NOT mean you have TB infection
  - You will need to check-in at the appointment desk at the UHC for a chest x-ray and to make a provider visit
  - You may be asked if you have HIV; TB infection and HIV together can make you very sick quickly
  - If you do not know if you have HIV, a free HIV test will be ordered for you

- A negative test result means:
  - You do not have TB germs in your body
  - You may still need more tests if:
    - your TB test was performed shortly after exposure to TB disease
    - you have signs of TB disease such as coughing, chest pain, fever, weight loss, or tiredness
    - you have HIV infection

What do I do if my test result is positive or indeterminate?
- Have a chest x-ray done at the UHC Radiology Department; check-in at the appointment desk
- Have a free HIV test done at the UHC
- Schedule an appointment with a UHC provider for two weeks after your chest x-ray

Can TB (tuberculosis) be cured?
- YES! If you follow the treatment plan set-up by your provider, you can be cured.

Questions?
- For more information about the TB (tuberculosis) test, visit the following website:
  cdc.gov/tb