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- he /she was vaccinated many years ago (because the BCG reaction gets smaller over time)
- he/she has ever spent time with a person with infectious TB
- someone in his/her family has had TB
- he/her are from a country where TB disease is very common

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