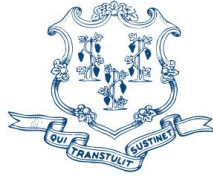


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TO: Healthcare providers, local health departments
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SUBJECT: Change in the distribution of purified derivative protein (PPD) solution for tuberculosis skin testing

This letter is an update to health care providers and health departments on a change in the distribution of purified protein derivative (PPD) solution used for tuberculin skin testing (TST) (Tubersol®) by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Tuberculosis (TB) Control Program.

- Beginning September 6, 2016, PPD solution will no longer be provided for facility-based testing of patients for TB. Orders for PPD solution between now and September 6 will be filled on a limited basis.
- PPD solution will be provided to local health departments to be used to test contacts of persons with TB disease and immigrants and refugees considered to be at high risk for TB infection.
- PPD solution will also be provided to healthcare providers serving patients at high risk for TB infection (persons who were born in or spent time in countries where TB is common, known contacts to persons with TB disease) who are uninsured.
- All other providers will no longer be able to receive PPD solution from DPH including those testing patients participating in a drug treatment program.

Providers who need PPD solutions should check with their usual supplier of drugs and medical products. There is currently no shortage of PPD solutions. If there is a question about a specific provider's ability to receive PPD solution from the DPH TB Control Program, please contact the TB Control Program at (860) 509-7722.



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