

The Hokensho, (Public) Health Center Supports You

"Tuberculosis (TB)" and "Health Center" may be unfamiliar words to you.

TB is caused by TB bacteria. If treated appropriately, it is now a curable disease.

In Japan, once a doctor diagnoses a patient's illness as TB disease, the doctor must notify to the Health Center of the patient under the Tuberculosis Prevention Act.

On receiving this notification, the Health Center will allocate a Health Nurse who may visit the patient and/or give advice with the following objectives:

- To enable you to gain correct knowledge of the disease and make a full recovery by undergoing proper treatment.
- To prompt those around you to gain correct knowledge of the disease.
- To enable those with close contact with the patient to be checked up to identify any further TB patients/infected persons and to protect those close to the patient from TB.

Public funds are available to medical fees for TB.

In order to apply for the public expense, the patient submits an application form to the closest Health Center together with the X ray. The form should be filled in diagnosis by a doctor, name, address, etc by him/herself. A medical institution can submit it on behalf of the patient.

At the Health Center, there are doctors, nurses, X-ray technicians and nutritionists who will assist in improving your health such as prevention or consultation regarding TB and other infectious diseases.

You can receive information and advice about TB at Health Centers.

The Health Center maintains strict confidentiality.

Services at the Health Center are free of charge.

