

# Civil Surgeons

Civil surgeons must order an interferon gamma release assay (IGRA) to screen all applicants, two years or older, for tuberculosis (TB). If the result is positive, the civil surgeon must order a chest x-ray to rule out active TB. If applicants are asymptomatic and have an x-ray that is negative for TB, they most likely have latent TB infection (LTBI) and are strong candidates for treatment to help prevent progression to the active form of TB. We ask civil surgeons to please refer applicants for LTBI treatment if they don't plan to treat themselves:

## **Referral for treatment of latent TB infection**

- [Referral and Treatment Report for LTBI](#)

Please complete and fax referral form to applicant's primary care provider (PCP) to initiate treatment. If applicant doesn't have a PCP, and or medical insurance, please fax referral or have applicant present form to a Santa Cruz Safety Net Clinic to start treatment:

## **Safety Net Clinics of Santa Cruz County**

- Salud Para La Gente, 831-728-0222
- Santa Cruz County Clinic -South, 831-763-8400
- Santa Cruz Community Health Centers, 831-427-3500
- Santa Cruz County Clinic -North, 831-454-4100
  - [Complete list of Safety Net Clinics, Santa Cruz County](#)

## **Additional Resources for Civil Surgeons / TB screening**

- [California TB Controllers Association](#)