

Frequently Asked Questions on Ordering TB Medications

How do I order TB medications?

Fill out the Med Request form located here:

www.publichealthmdc.com/disease/documents/AntiTBInitialMedRequest_dph4000.pdf

And Fax to Public Health Madison & Dane County (PHMDC) at 608-266-4858

How long does it take for the patient to receive TB medications?

If the medications are for Latent TB Infection (LTBI), it can take about 3 weeks for the patient to receive them.

Please do **NOT** give the patient a short term supply of medication or a prescription for a private fill. LTBI treatment is not urgent.

If the medications are for active TB disease the prescriptions are immediately filled through a local pharmacy and given to the patient as soon as indicated.

What if I want to order Vitamin B6?

Write the name and dosage on the “other” line of the Med Request form. This will be provided by PHMDC and not filled through a pharmacy.

What if I am ordering LTBI treatment for a child?

Use the Med Request form and order medication based upon the child’s weight. See the Med order form for dosage guidelines.

If you want to order the new liquid Isoniazid, please note that on the med request.

**There is a new liquid Isoniazid available that does not cause diarrhea, tastes good, and comes in a higher concentration which means less for the child to swallow. Find more information here: <http://employeeenet/tbmanual/documents/LiquidIsoniazidPrep.pdf>

How do I order the new LTBI treatment?

In December of 2011, the CDC released an additional option for LTBI treatment: a once weekly dose of Isoniazid and Rifapentine. This regimen ***must*** be done by Directly Observed Therapy (DOT).

CDC guidelines for this regimen can be found at:

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6048a3.htm?s_cid=mm6048a3_e%0d%0a

If you wish to prescribe this treatment, use the medication order form and write in the medications and their doses where indicated.

If you have any questions about this regimen, please call Public Health at 266-4821 and ask for the TB On Call Nurse.

What happens once PHMDC gets the Med Request Form?

The Med Request Form is reviewed for completion.

If information is missing, it's returned to the health care provider for completion.

If meds are for active TB disease, Public Health (PHN) fills prescriptions through a local pharmacy and initiates DOT (Directly Observed Therapy).

If meds are for LTBI, the PHN contacts the patient to ensure their understanding and acceptance and forwards prescription to the State TB Program for fulfillment.

Does PHMDC recommend any ongoing monitoring by the Physician for LTBI treatment?

This is a medical decision.

If you want to do ongoing monitoring through your clinic please indicate this on the form so the PHN can assure the patient goes in.

Please note the assigned PHN will do a symptom review at each visit to determine side effects.