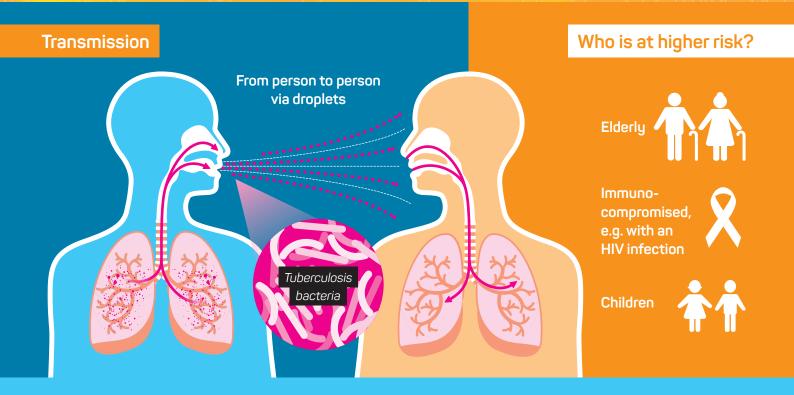


# **1** TUBERCULOSIS



## Symptoms



### Don't give infection a chance!

#### What should I do to be on the safe side?

Take the following rules to heart to protect the people in your immediate surroundings:

- When coughing always hold a fresh handkerchief in front of your mouth.
- Keep the rooms in which you spend time well ventilated to ensure airborne droplets are blown out.
- Neither drink nor eat from the glass or plate of others.
- No kisses or other mouth to mouth contacts.
- Keep living rooms clean: Clean or wipe with a moist cloth, do not raise dust (dust may also contain bacteria).

# What you can do to speed up your recovery:

- Take your medication as prescribed. Take care not to forget any doses, so that the pathogens cannot develop resistance.
- Rest and relaxation. Avoid excessive exertion.
- Eat a balanced, nutritional diet regularly. Thanks to their many vitamins and minerals, a large amount of fresh fruit and vegetables will support your therapy. Be careful to eat foods that are easy on your digestion and contain balanced amounts of protein an carbohydrates.
- No alcohol. The breakdown of the medications burdens the liver significantly. Alcohol puts more stress on the liver and decreases the capacity of your immune system.
- Be careful when driving or operating machinery. The medications can influence your capacity to react.
- Keep away from cigarettes! Smoking is extremely harmful particularly to people with tuberculosis. If you smoke, you will hinder a rapid cure.
- Stay in contact with your physician.
- **Do not give up!** Even if the treatment takes a long time and is hard on your nerves: you can do it!

#### Consult your doctor regularly, stay active and stick to the treatment plan.



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