

## Who May Administer, Read and Interpret a Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) in Washington State

Profession	May Administer TST	May Read* TST	May Interpret <sup>€</sup> TST	Considerations
<b>RN</b>	Yes	Yes*	Yes <sup>€</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical provider must order TST.</li> <li>May direct the LPN or delegate to the MA &amp; RNA/CNA after initial assessment.</li> </ul>
<b>LPN</b>	Yes	Yes*	Yes <sup>€</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical provider must order TST.</li> <li>LPN may <b>not</b> delegate to others.</li> </ul>
<b>MA-Registered</b>	No	No	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not allowed to inject tuberculin or medications.</li> </ul>
<b>MA-Certified</b>	Yes	Yes*	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read TST under delegation by RN or medical provider, not LPN.</li> </ul>
<b>Certified (CNA) and Registered (RNA) Nursing Assistants and Health Care Aides</b>	No	Yes*	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read TST only under delegation by RN or medical provider, not LPN.</li> <li>See RCW <a href="#">18.360.050</a></li> </ul>
<b>Health Care Provider (MD, DO, ARNP, PA, DPM, DDS, ND)</b>	Yes	Yes*	Yes <sup>€</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May direct RN or LPN or delegate to the MA &amp; RNA/CNA after initial assessment.</li> </ul>
<b>TB Community Health Worker</b>	Yes	Yes*	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must work within TB Program in LHJ</li> <li>Complete DOH TST and DOT training supervised by an RN.</li> <li>Health Officer (HO) authorization is needed. If HO is not a Medical Provider, must receive authorization from Medical Consultant to HO.</li> <li>See WAC <a href="#">246-170-035</a></li> </ul>
<b>Community Health / Outreach Worker</b>	No	No	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not allowed</li> <li>See RCW <a href="#">70.28.032</a></li> </ul>
<b>Pharmacist</b>	Yes	Yes*	Yes <sup>#</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See <a href="#">Tuberculosis Screening &amp; Testing for Pharmacy Professionals</a></li> </ul>
<b>EMS</b>	No	No	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not allowed to inject tuberculin.</li> </ul>
<b>Medical Assistant - Phlebotomist</b>	No	No	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not allowed</li> <li>See RCW <a href="#">18.360.050</a></li> </ul>

\* determine mm size of induration only

<sup>€</sup> “positive” or “negative”. An RN or LPN may not make a medical diagnosis but may create a plan of care and follow standing orders that outline the next steps after reading.

<sup>#</sup> Pharmacists are able to interpret tests with an appropriate Collaborative Drug Therapy Agreement

For more information see:

- [Licensure Contacts by Facility Type for Health Care Personnel TB Screening](#)
- Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission email: [nursingpractice@doh.wa.gov](mailto:nursingpractice@doh.wa.gov) or [ARNPPpractice@doh.wa.gov](mailto:ARNPPpractice@doh.wa.gov); website: [Washington State Board of Nursing](#)
- Washington State Pharmacy Commission email: [WSPQAC@doh.wa.gov](mailto:WSPQAC@doh.wa.gov); website: [Pharmacy Commission | Washington State Department of Health](#)
- For delegation rules, see: [RCW 18.360.060](#) and [WAC 246-827-0110](#)
- For the full scope of practice for all medical assistant professions, see RCW [18.360.050](#)