Tuberculosis (TB) Disease: Only the Tip of the Iceberg

There are two types of TB conditions: TB disease and latent TB infection.

People with TB disease are sick from active TB germs. They usually have symptoms and may spread TB germs to others.

People with latent TB infection do not feel sick, do not have symptoms, and cannot spread TB germs to others. But, if their TB germs become active, they can develop TB disease.

Millions of people in the U.S. have latent TB infection. Without treatment, they are at risk for developing TB disease.

To learn more about TB, visit www.cdc.gov/tb