

Dear Sir or Madam:

I hereby declare that, I, _____, withhold my consent on Tuberculosis screening on the grounds that such testing is in violation of my United States of America Constitutional 1st Amendment Right to religious freedom. It would be a violation of my religious beliefs to knowingly contaminate the body with inorganic and/or organic substances that can cause injury, illness, or other harm to human well-being.

I further assert the following:

- There is no Tuberculosis epidemic in _____ [city] to warrant the mandate of such testing
- There is no Tuberculosis crisis at the _____ to warrant the mandate of such testing
- Symptoms commensurate with Tuberculosis are known to be:
 1. Coughing up blood/ Chest infection
 2. Severe weight loss
 3. Night sweats
 4. Constant exhaustion
 5. Loss of appetite

I, _____ have not exhibited any of these of symptoms. There is no reason to suspect that I may be infected with Tuberculosis.

- Populations who are at a higher-risk of contracting Tuberculosis are deemed as follows:
 1. Those coming into close contact with persons known or suspected to have TB
 2. Foreign-born persons from areas where TB is common
 3. Asia
 4. Africa
 5. Latin America
- Elderly persons
- Residents and employees of high-risk congregate setting
- Health care workers who serve high risk patients
- Medically underserved, low income populations
- High risk racial or ethnic minority populations
- Children exposed to adults in high-risk categories
- Intravenous Drug Abusers

The Center for Disease Control further breaks down those who are more vulnerable to Tuberculosis as follows:

- Those afflicted with HIV/AIDS
- Those afflicted with silicosis
- Substance abusers

- Those afflicted with hematological and reticuloendothelial disease
- Those afflicted with chronic malabsorption and malnutrition
- Those afflicted with diabetes Mellitus
- Those who have undergone prolonged steroid therapy
- Those who have undergone a solid organ transplantation
- Those afflicted with cancer of head and neck
- Those afflicted with chronic renal failure
- Those possessing low body weight (relative to ideal weight)
- Healthcare workers

I, _____ do not fall into any of these categories. The % chance that I may be infected with Tuberculosis is minute and thus, provides no basis to suspect I may be infected with Tuberculosis.

- The Tuberculin Purified Protein Derivative (Mantoux skin test) Tubersol is used to find out whether a person is infected with the Tuberculosis germs (or allergic to the test). It cannot tell whether a person has Tuberculosis disease.
- Tubersol contains a human strain of Mycobacterium tuberculosis grown on a protein-free synthetic medium and Phenol, which is carbolic acid. Carbolic acid is a corrosive poisonous crystalline acidic compound C_6H_5OH present in coal tar and wood tar. Not only is Tubersol not vegetarian (I am a vegetarian), but it is composed of a substance that is toxic and poisonous to the body.

Overall, I am a healthy adult who poses no serious, infectious health threat to others. The only ailments that I have been afflicted with are colds. My overall good health has been confirmed during visits to my primary physician and other healthcare givers.

I have included these assertions to show that not being tested for Tuberculosis, poses no threat to the health and well-being of others here at _____.

Sincerely,

Notary Public:

Signature

Date

City, State

My Commission expires