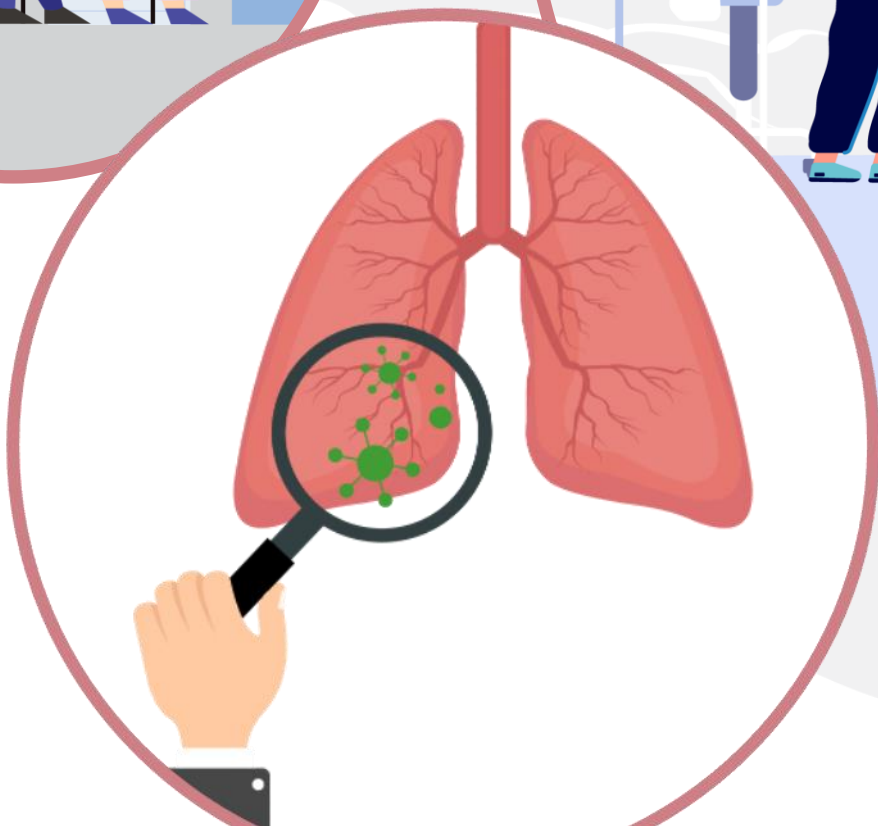


3 COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT TUBERCULOSIS

Let's debunk them!



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“TB IS NO LONGER IN SINGAPORE. IT ONLY EXISTS OUTSIDE OF SINGAPORE.”

That is incorrect.

TB is endemic in Singapore. In 2023, there were **1,201 NEW cases** of active TB disease among **Singapore residents!**

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“ALL TYPES OF TB ARE INFECTIOUS.”

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That is incorrect.

A person with active TB disease in the lungs or voice box is **infectious**, while active TB in other parts of the body is **non-infectious**.



A person with latent TB infection is non-infectious. About **5% of individuals** with latent TB may develop active TB disease during the first 2 years of getting infected.



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“THE BACILLUS CALMETTE-GUERIN (BCG) VACCINE PROTECTS ME COMPLETELY FROM TB.”

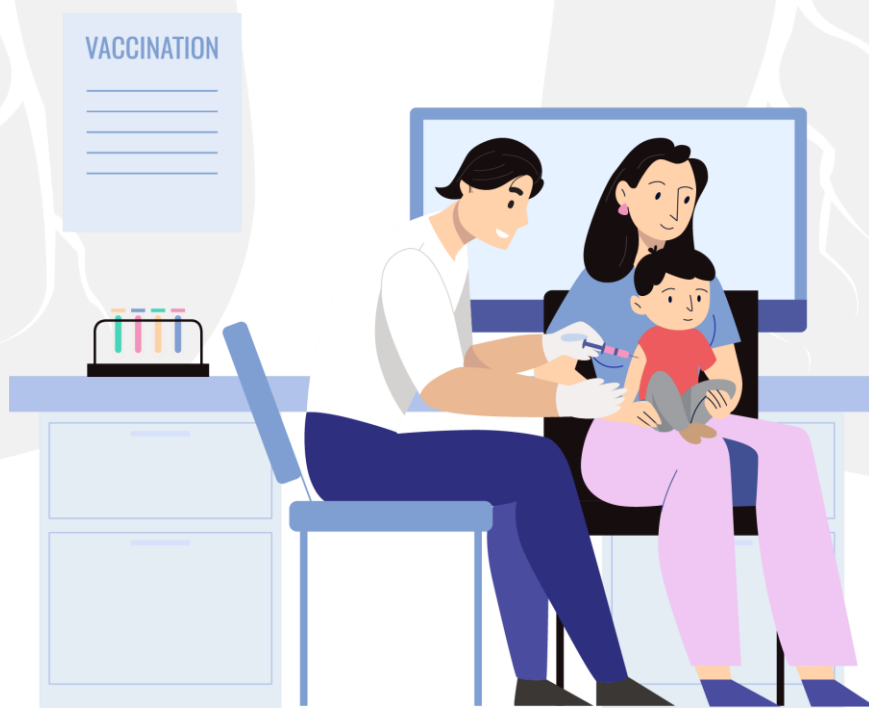
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That is incorrect.

The BCG vaccine is effective in protecting babies and young children from TB meningitis* and widespread TB.

It offers **limited protection** against pulmonary TB[#], the most common form of TB disease among adults.

*TB meningitis affects the brain lining
#pulmonary TB affects the lungs



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