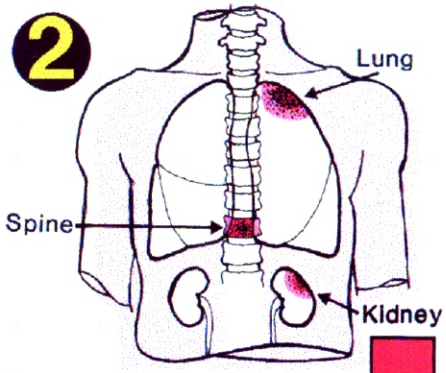
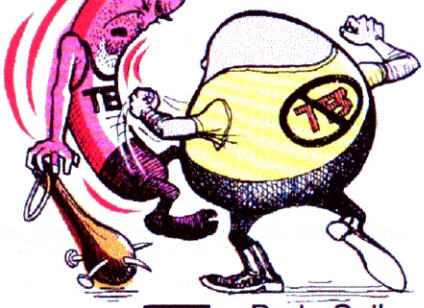
STOP TB

1. TB is spread when a person with active TB coughs, sings,or speaks and you breathe the air contaminated with TB germs.

2. The germs reach your lungs. From there they can go to other parts of your body.

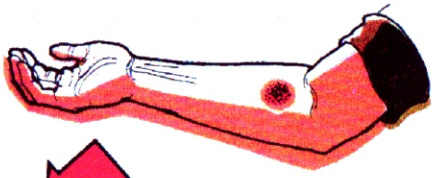


3. Your body fights the TB germ.

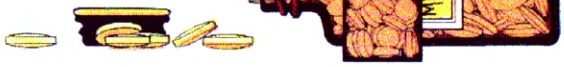


4. Usually the germs go to sleep in your body. This is called TB INFECTION.

- You have a positive skin test .
- You don't feel sick .
- You can't give TB to others .

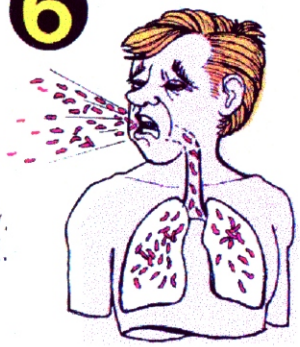


5. You can take medicine to keep you from getting active TB.



6. If you don't take medicine, the TB germs may wake up and attack your lungs and other parts of your body. This is called TB DISEASE.

- You feel sick with fever, weight loss or cough .
- You have active TB germs in your body .
- You may give TB to others .



7. You need to take your medicine to help you get better and prevent spreading the TB germs to others.

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