

Attachment B. Phone Conversation with the TB controller Script

XDR TB Contact Investigation: A Cost Assessment

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1. Introduction

- a. It is nice to meet you (**TB controller title and name**)
- b. I am Sam Shillcutt, a Prevention Effectiveness Fellow working with (**relevant FSB consultant name**) and Suzanne Marks in the Division of Tuberculosis Elimination / proposed Data Management Statistics and Evaluation Branch

2. Purposes of the study

- a. We want to estimate the cost of the specific contact investigation that resulted from the arrival of the person with XDR TB in April last year.
- b. This is important because:
 - i. We need to document costs to report on resources expended and to plan for future contact investigations
 - ii. This contact investigation is different from most in that:
 1. It involved 14 states
 2. There were about 5 times as many contacts as an average contact investigation (103 compared to 21)
 3. LTBI treatment was not recommended for most infected contacts
 4. We want the cost of this specific contact investigation, not a generalizable estimate

3. Ways that this project may be of use to you

- a. To help you raise awareness about the public health activities in your area
- b. Jurisdiction specific estimates can help you plan for future contact investigations

4. Data collection steps relevant to specific office

- a. Identify one or two people in your office who can collect data – types and sources outlined below
- b. After the person has collected the data, I will call them to record their results onto a master spreadsheet
- c. If they prefer, they can fill in values onto the copy of the spreadsheet that I sent them, and I can review their entries in advance of the phone interview.
- d. Once I have drafted the complete spreadsheet from all sources, I will return it to them to review and validate their section

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5. Types of information needed include aggregate data on:
 - a. Contact investigation outcomes
 - b. Types of tests administered and results
 - c. Risk factors for developing TB if infected
 - d. Cost of testing for LTBI and TB disease
 - e. Cost of testing for diseases that are risk factors for TB
 - f. Cost of LTBI treatment
 - g. Personnel costs
 - h. Travel costs
 - i. Training costs
 - j. Incentive and enabler costs
 - k. Other miscellaneous costs

6. Timeline and closing
 - a. Please let us know via email who will do the data collection after you have assigned the responsibility. These people may include personnel familiar with contact investigation activities and personnel familiar with accounting records
 - i. My email address is sshillcutt@cdc.gov
 - b. Please let us know when you can report results to us. We would like to receive results within one month
 - c. I am happy to answer any questions.