

MEMORANDUM

TO: Health Care Providers

FROM: Terry Dwelle, MD, MPHTM
State Health Officer

DATE: August 12, 2003

RE: Revised Recommendations for Treatment of Latent Tuberculosis Infection

The two-month regimen of Rifampin and Pyrazinamide should generally ***not*** be prescribed for the treatment of latent tuberculosis infection due to severe liver injuries and deaths attributed to the regimen.

This revision to the American Thoracic Society/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (ATS/CDC) treatment guidelines were announced August 8, 2003, in a Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR).

For more information, please review the MMWR at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5231a4.htm>

This memo was sent to the following North Dakota physicians:

Family Practice	342
Gastroenterology	15
Geriatrics	29
General Practice	27
General Surgery	97
Hematology	22
Infectious Disease	11
Internal Medicine	287
Independent Medical Exams	1
Insurance Medicine	1
Neurology	27
Occupational Medicine	5
Oncology	24
Public Health	4
Pulmonary Diseases	<u>13</u>
	<u>1,291</u>