The AAP now recommends TB blood tests for children

The new 2018 AAP Red Book® expands existing blood testing recommendations

On June 1st, the American Academy of Pediatrics released the new Red Book 2018 edition. The AAP now preferentially recommends the use of TB blood tests (IGRAs) in BCG-vaccinated children aged 2 years and older. Moreover, for all children 2 years or older, an IGRA may be used in any situation where a TST would historically be used.

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- Watch an on-demand webinar hosted by Dr. Sonia Qasba of Johns Hopkins Medicine
- Learn about current recommendations from the AAP and CDC
- Discover the benefits of IGRA testing for children
- Find out why TB elimination efforts are increasingly focused on prevention in the primary care setting

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