

only 20% of Spanish hospitals report postdischarge surveillance for SSI. Finally, the continued collaboration of surgeons, hospital pharmacists, hospital epidemiologists, and infection control practitioners is of paramount importance for the quality improvement of the National Health System.<sup>8</sup>

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## TB Screening in Physicians' Offices

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Schulte and coinvestigators from CDC's Division of Tuberculosis Elimination assessed tuberculin skin-testing practices of physicians after community-wide screening of 1,400 children exposed to a pediatrician with active TB in a medium-sized city in eastern Pennsylvania. A self-administered questionnaire was completed by 60 of 80 pediatricians and family practitioners seeing pediatric patients.

The 60 physicians had practiced a mean of 17 (range, 3-38) years, and only 1 did not do TB skin testing for pediatric patients. In total, the 59 physicians doing TB skin testing reported routinely tuberculin testing more than 900 children per month. Only 8 (14%) of 59 physicians followed published guidelines for placement and reading of tuberculin tests. It was concluded that, in this community where a highly publicized TB case prompted massive pediatric screening, most physicians seeing children in private practice do not fol-

low standard TB skin-testing guidelines. Increased understanding of how private-practice physicians learn about and decide to use recommended standards is needed if tuberculin tests are to be performed correctly and diagnosed appropriately.

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