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POSITION STATEMENT

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**Assistive Personnel Applying and Measuring
Tuberculin Skin Tests**

Assistive personnel may apply and measure tuberculin skin tests provided the following requirements are met.

1. The assistive personnel work under the supervision of a registered nurse employed by the Arkansas Department of Health.
2. The assistive personnel satisfactorily completes a course in applying and measuring tuberculin skin tests that includes:
 - a. Five rights of medication administration
 - b. Criteria for tuberculin testing
 - c. Technique for administering antigen
 - d. Measuring & documenting negative and reactive skin tests
 - e. Criteria for immediate reporting of results to the nurse
 - f. Minimum of 20 observed applications and 20 observed test measurements & documentations
3. The assistive personnel contact the RN for direction in determining if a tuberculin test is warranted when new contacts are identified.
4. The assistive personnel notify the RN of any reaction.
5. Competency is periodically re-evaluated and documented by the supervising RN.

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