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EXERCISE 3.1A: Identifying Presumptive TB Cases

Identify which of the following is a presumptive TB case and explain why:

1. Alvin is a 29-year old single male who lives alone. He consulted because his pre-employment chest X-ray showed "PTB, right upper lobe." On examination of the X-ray, the physician confirms the presence of infiltrates in the right upper lobe. Alvin has no other illness and does not have any signs or symptoms.

2. Gina, 39 years old, is a public school teacher and consulted because of 10 days cough. She has neither other symptoms nor illnesses. Is she a presumptive TB?

If you found out Gina was a diabetic, can you consider her a presumptive TB?

3. Bernard, a 4-year old boy, is brought to the clinic due to cough of 2 weeks. His mother reports no other complaints and she claims he eats well and remains playful and active. He has not been given any medicines for his current illness. On examination, Bernard had no fever, wheezing, and had normal weight for his age.

If the health worker found out that Bernard's father was being treated for TB in the company clinic, would it change the assessment?

4. Lolita is a 54-year old housewife. She lives with her husband and three children in an apartment complex. She came to the clinic because of 2 weeks cough with greenish phlegm associated with low-grade fever and back pain for the past 3 days. No member of the household has TB or other illnesses.

If the health worker found out during the interview that 3 years ago Lolita took anti-TB drugs prescribed by a private physician for 3 months, what would be your assessment?

Note: These are the same questions in Exercise #3.1 which can be answered online. Exercise # 3.1A is the alternative offline version.