Could that cough be...TB?

In 2021, an estimated 10.6 million people fell ill with tuberculosis (TB) worldwide. Six million men, 3.4 million women and 1.2 million children. TB is present in all countries and age groups. But TB is curable and preventable.*

Do you have the following symptoms?

- **Persistent cough**
  a persistent cough that lasts more than 3 weeks and usually brings up phlegm, which may be bloody

- **Breathlessness**
  breathlessness that gradually gets worse.

And one or more of these:

- **Fever**
- **Night sweats**
- **Lack of appetite and weight loss**
- **Extreme fatigue**

Go to see a doctor immediately and get checked out.

Tuberculosis (TB) is caused by bacteria (Mycobacterium tuberculosis) that most often affect the lungs. **Tuberculosis is curable and preventable.**

**How to treat TB**

TB can be cured by taking a course of anti-TB drugs. You can continue to work if you are on treatment. Make sure you complete the full course of treatment so that it doesn’t come back.

Source: [https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/tuberculosis](https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/tuberculosis)