



## **INFORMATION SHEET**

### **Tuberculosis: Monitoring Patients' Contacts**

The Austrian Tuberculosis Investigation and Consulting Office (Tuberkulose-Untersuchungs- und Beratungsstelle) must clarify two questions:

1. Where were you infected?
2. Have you infected other persons who have now contracted the disease?

The identity of persons with whom you have been in contact, particularly persons who regularly have contact with you in enclosed spaces, is therefore a valuable contribution enabling each patient's contacts to be investigated and monitored, and preventing the disease from spreading further.

These contacts are asked to attend an examination, chest X-ray or Mendel-Mantoux tuberculin test.

#### **Glossary:**

Mendel-Mantoux tuberculin test: Intracutaneous tuberculin test serving to diagnose tuberculosis infections by means of local induration (thickening of skin)