

Latent and Active Tuberculosis (TB)

Latent TB Infection

- TB bacteria live but don't multiply in the body
- Doesn't make a person feel sick or have symptoms
- **Can't** spread from person to person
- Can advance to TB disease

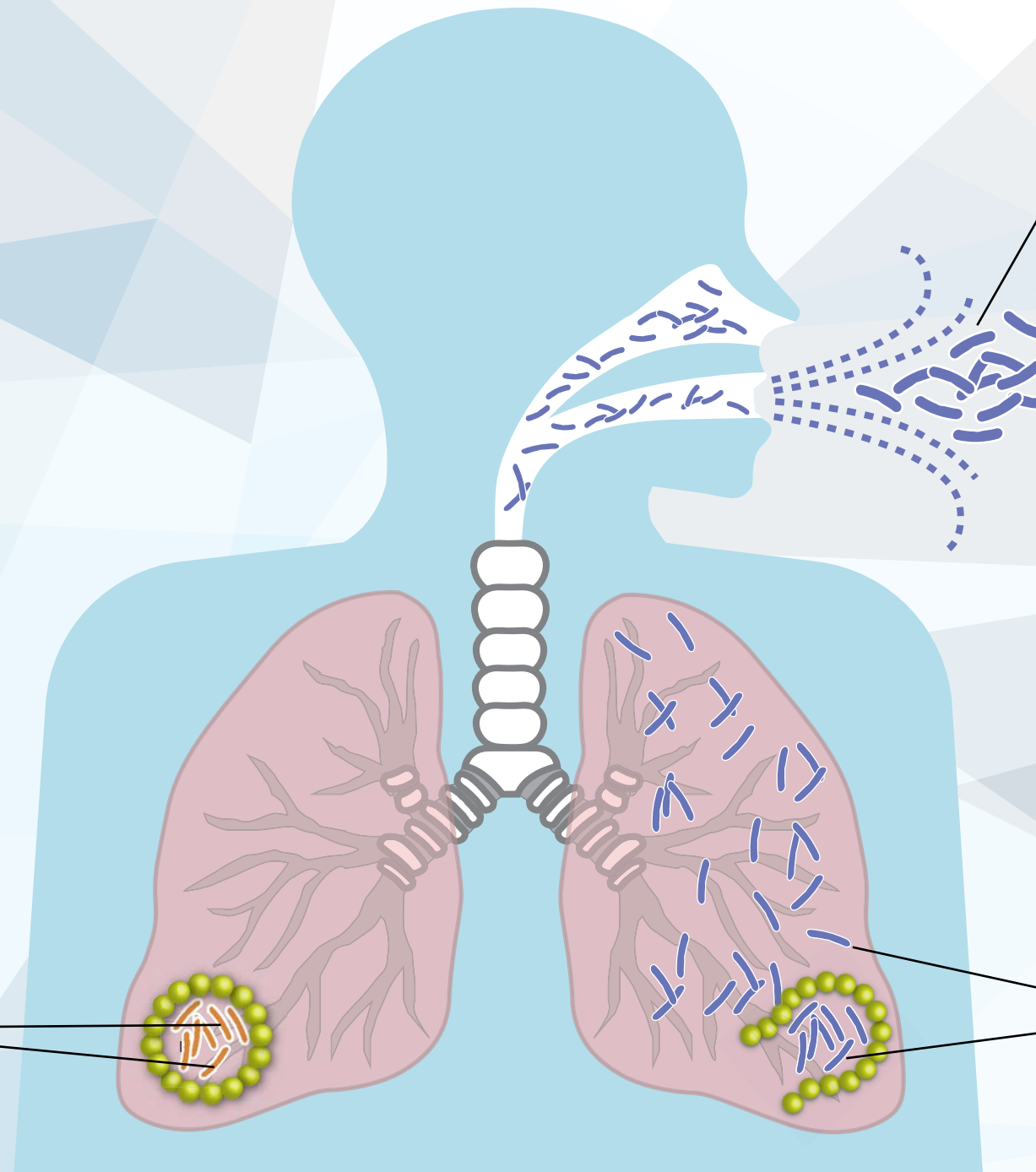
Contagious TB bacteria

Active TB (or TB Disease)

- TB bacteria are active and grows in the body
- May make a person feel sick and have mild to severe symptoms
- **Can** spread from person to person
- Can be fatal if not treated

Latent or inactive TB bacteria

Active TB bacteria



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