countries. Immunization with a live attenuated bacille calmette-Guerin vaccine has been used effectively in situations where TB is prevalent. Immunization, which confers positive skin test reactivity, does not prevent infection, but it does allow the body to react quickly to limit proliferation of the organisms. In areas where there is a low prevalence of disease, immunization has been largely replaced by chemoprophylaxis. In the UK, prophylaxis with rifampin and isoniazid for 3 months is recommended for people who have had close contact with a case of TB.