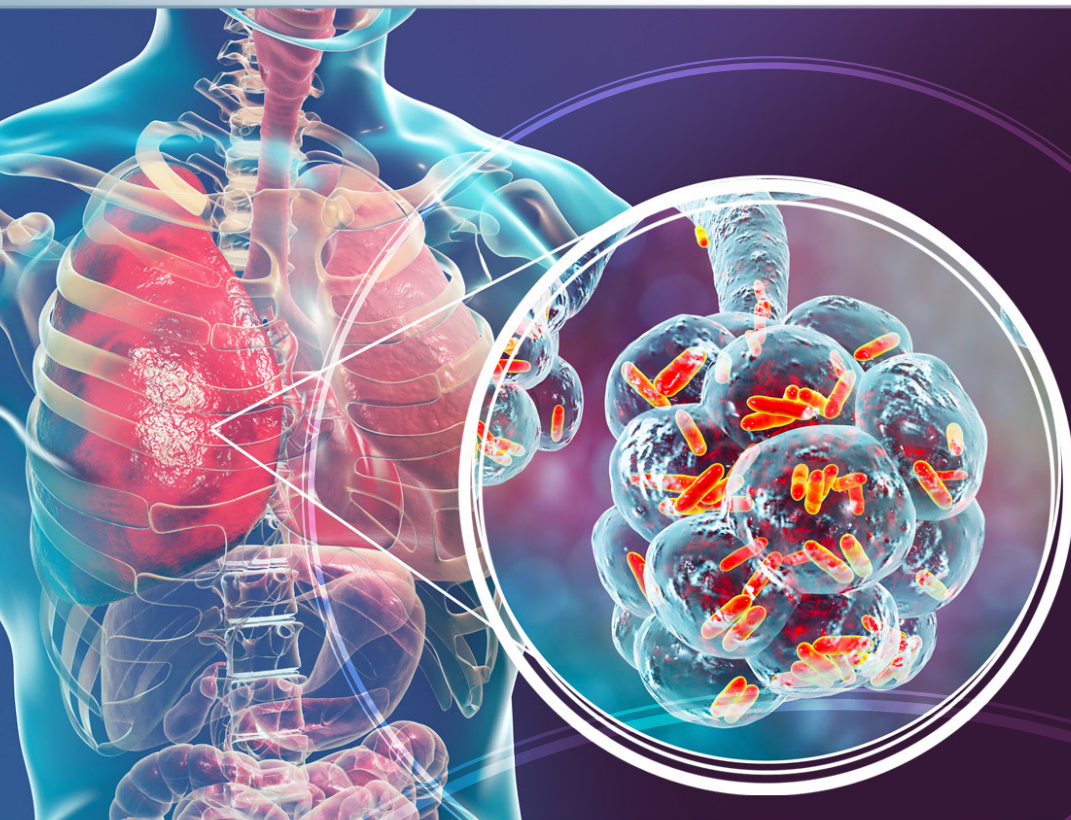


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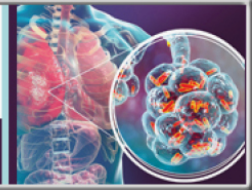


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AGENDA

- 1) Nontuberculous Mycobacterial Lung Disease (NTM-LD) Overview
 - a) NTM Species
 - i) Epidemiology
 - ii) Association of species with lung disease
 - iii) Distinguishing colonization from active disease
 - b) Historical, prospective and unmet therapeutic needs
 - c) Patient characteristics
 - i) Risk factors for NTM-LD
 - ii) Pulmonary comorbidities and lung abnormalities associated with NTM-LD
 - iii) NTM-LD in immunosuppressed patients
 - iv) Genetic factors
- 2) Differential Diagnosis of NTM-LD
 - a) Maintaining clinical suspicion for NTM-LD
 - b) Clinical, radiographic, microbiological criteria
 - i) Clinical manifestations of NTM-LD
 - ii) Assessing patients with chronic cough for NTM-LD
 - iii) Diagnosis of *Mycobacterium avium* complex lung disease
 - iv) Interpretation of radiographic findings
 - c) Drug susceptibility testing
 - i) Culture utilization and interpretation
- 3) Treatment strategies for NTM-LD
 - a) Individualization of treatment goals
 - i) Developing treatment goals
 - ii) Balancing risks and benefits of treatment vs no treatment
 - iii) Treating underlying bronchiectasis
 - b) Guidelines-based antibiotic regimens
 - i) 2 and 3 agent combinations
 - ii) Adjusting regimens in case of poor tolerability/toxicities/treatment failure
 - iii) Toxicity monitoring considerations
 - iv) Whiteboard Theme: Development of antibiotic tolerance and resistance in NTM**
 - v) Identifying and managing treatment-refractory disease
 - vi) Liposomal formulations
 - d) Patient-centered approach to therapy
- 4) Conclusions
- 5) Questions and Answers

Nontuberculous Mycobacterial Lung Disease (NTM-LD): Individualizing Treatment Goals and Strategies – An Innovative Whiteboard View

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- Utilize evidence-based clinical, radiographic, and microbiologic criteria in the evaluation and diagnosis of NTM-LD
- Develop individualized treatment goals centered on patient health status, comorbidities, and preferences
- Select therapy for patients with NTM-LD utilizing clinical guidelines and up-to-date evidence
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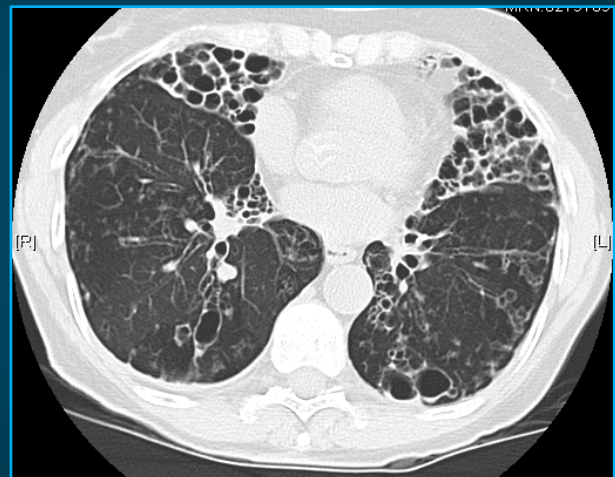
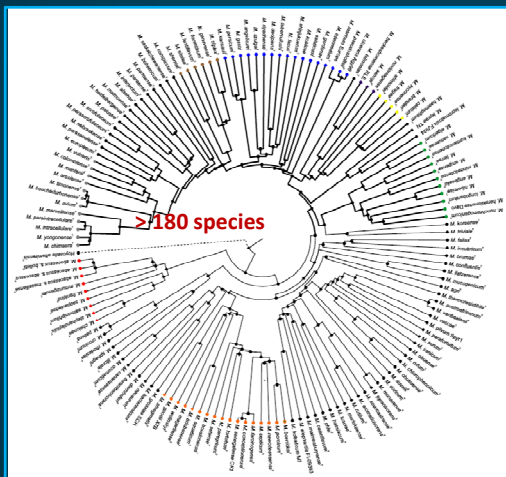
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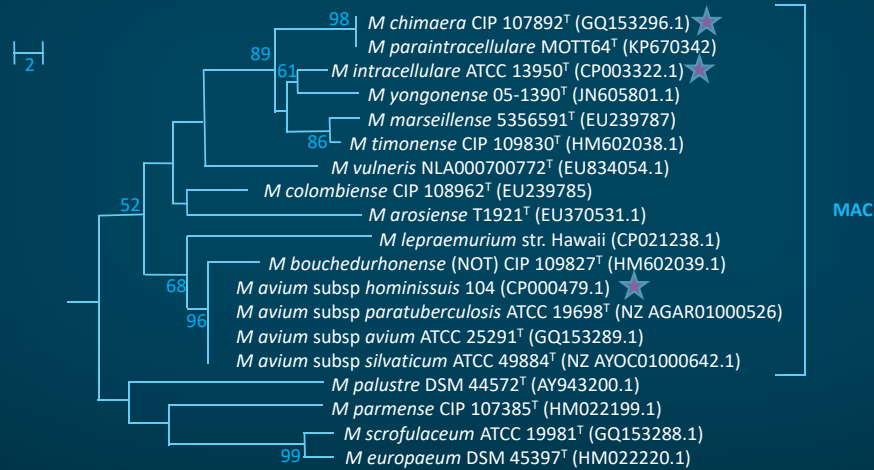
What Is NTM Lung Disease?



Tortoli E, et al. *Infect Genet Evol.* 2017;56:19-25.

Mycobacterium avium Complex Is the Most Common NTM Pathogen

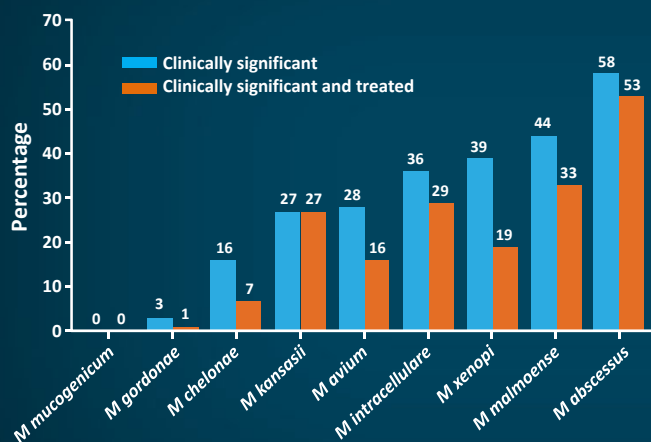
- 12 species of *Mycobacterium avium* complex (MAC)
 - M. avium*, *M. intracellulare*, and *M. chimaera* predominant species



Bar represents the number of nucleotide differences between species.

van Ingen J, et al. *Int J Syst Evol Microbiol*. 2018;68:3666-3677.

Colonization vs Active Disease?



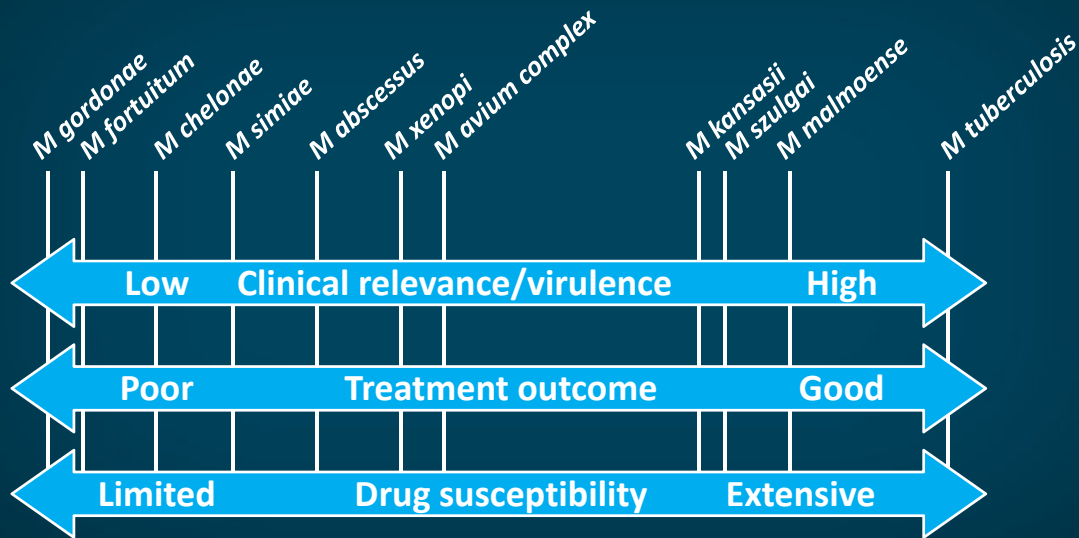
Mycobacterial Species	Isolates, n (%)	Smear Positive, n	Clinical Episodes, n	Smear Positive by Clinical Episode, %
<i>Intracellulare</i>	267 (31.30)	8	124	33.33
<i>Avium</i>	181 (21.22)	5	75	6.67
<i>Gordonae</i>	130 (15.24)	1	109	0.92
<i>Abscessus</i>	72 (8.44)	12	19	63.16
<i>Chelonae</i>	72 (8.44)	8	45	17.78
<i>Xenopi</i>	67 (7.85)	4	36	11.11
<i>Malmoense</i>	40 (4.69)	3	18	16.67
<i>Kansasii</i>	16 (1.88)	1	11	9.09
<i>Mucogenicum</i>	8 (0.94)	0	7	0.00

853 isolates from 386 patients over 7 years in the United Kingdom

Patients meeting ATS/IDSA diagnosis criteria per total number of patients (%) by NTM species

ATS = American Thoracic Society; IDSA = Infectious Diseases Society of America.
Schiff HF, et al. *Sci Rep*. 2019;9:1730.

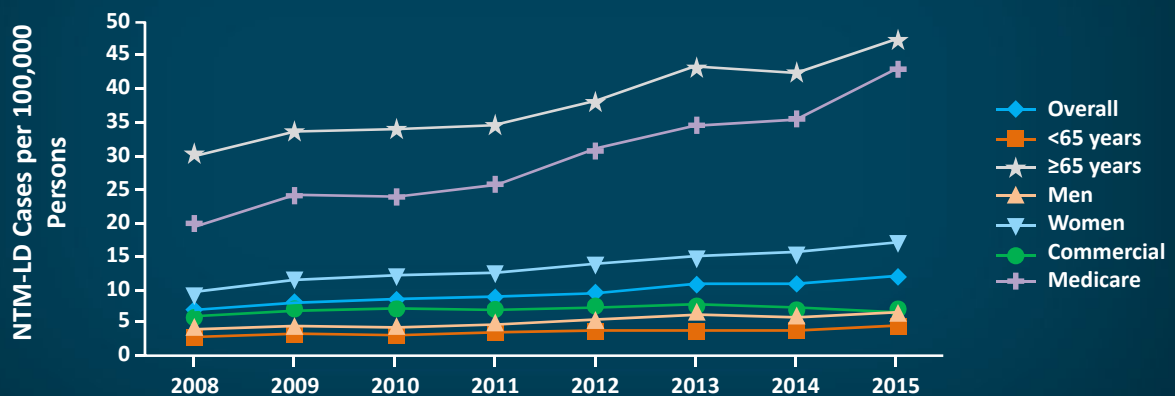
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Older Individuals Are at Greater Risk

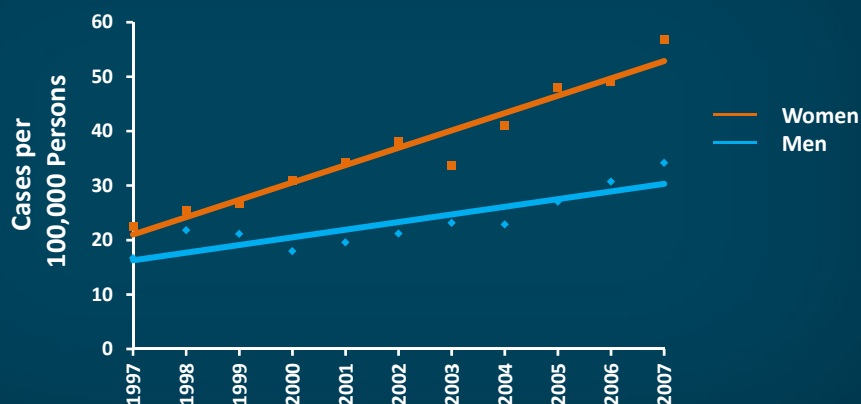
National Managed Care Claims Database –
27 million people annually
Prevalence (per 100,000)



Winthrop KL, et al. *Ann Am Thorac Soc.* 2020;17:178-185.

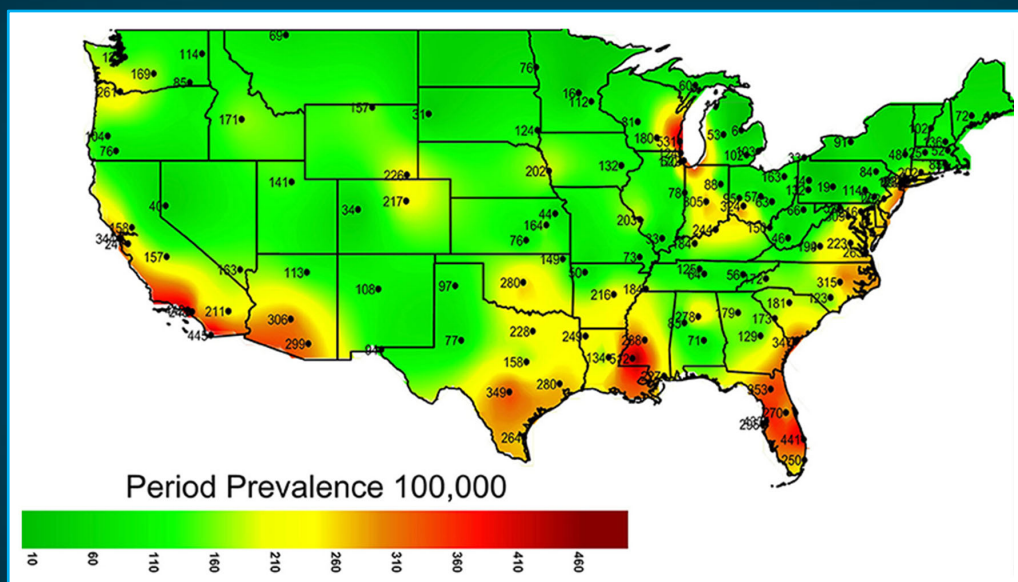
Women Are Affected More Often Than Men

US Medicare 2000-2007: NTM Prevalence



Adapted from Adjemian J, et al. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med*. 2012;185:881-886.

Higher Prevalence in Coastal Regions



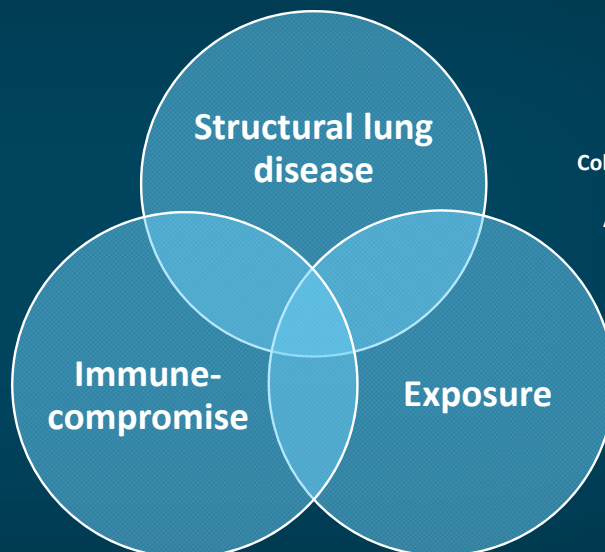
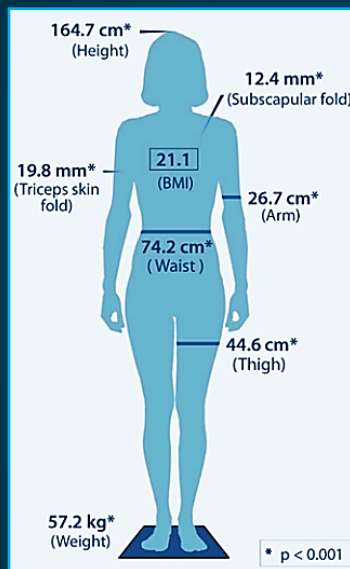
Pyrali FF et al. *Front Med (Lausanne)*. 2018;5:311.

Unmet Needs

- Only 17% of patients with bronchiectasis are screened with NTM cultures¹
- The average duration of symptoms prior to diagnosis of NTM-LD is 2 years²
- Once diagnosed, only 13% to 30% of individuals are treated with guideline-based therapy³⁻⁵

1. Finch S, et al. *Thorax*. 2019;74:A238-A239. 2. Ahmed I, et al. *Int J Infect Dis*. 2020;92:S46-S50. 3. Adjemian J, et al. *Ann Am Thorac Soc*. 2014;11:9-16. 4. Kim H, et al. *Medicine (Baltimore)*. 2019;98:e17869. 5. Izumi K, et al. *ERJ Open Res*. 2020;6:00097-2019.

Patient Characteristics



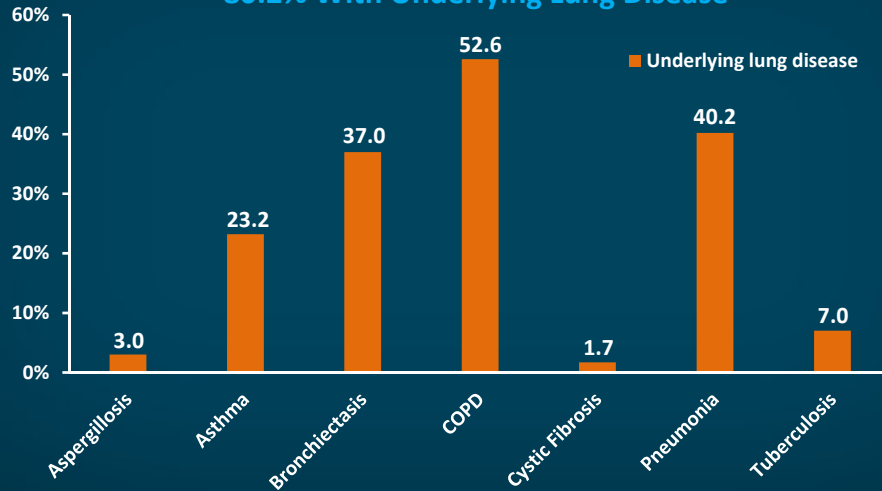
CF/CFTR anomalies
PCD
AAT anomalies
COPD
Asthma
Pneumoconiosis
Collagen vascular disease
Bronchiectasis
Alveolar proteinosis

AAT = alpha-1 antitrypsin; BMI = body mass index; CF = cystic fibrosis; CFTR = CF transmembrane conductance regulator; COPD = chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; PCD = primary ciliary dyskinesia.

Kim RD, et al. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med*. 2008;178:1066-1074.

Underlying Lung Disease Is Common

Claims-Based NTM-LD (N = 6,280)
80.2% With Underlying Lung Disease



Winthrop KL, et al. *Ann Am Thorac Soc*. 2020;17:178-185.

Risk Factors for NTM-LD

- NTM-LD OR for patients with COPD was¹
 - 7.6 for those with no ICS use
 - 19.6 for those who had ever used ICSs
 - 29.1 for those with current ICS use
- Medicare recipients have high rates of NTM-LD: 112 patients in 100,000²
- The average prevalence rate for NTM infection in veterans with COPD is 148.9 patients in 100,000³
- In patients with CF the rate of NTM isolation is 12%⁴



ICS = inhaled corticosteroid; OR = odds ratio.

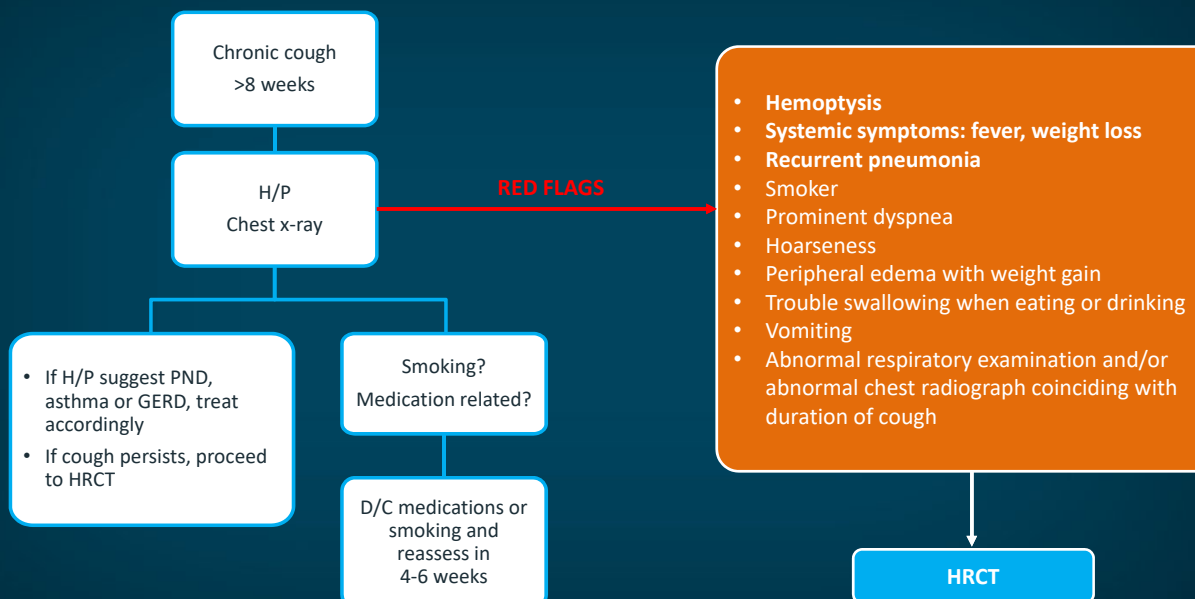
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Case of Chronic Cough

- 65-year-old woman from Colorado
- Chronic cough of 2 years, productive
- Weight loss
- Frequent “bronchitis”
- Past medical history: GERD
- Current medications: omeprazole
- Social history: lifelong nonsmoker

GERD = gastroesophageal reflux disease.

Patient Assessment

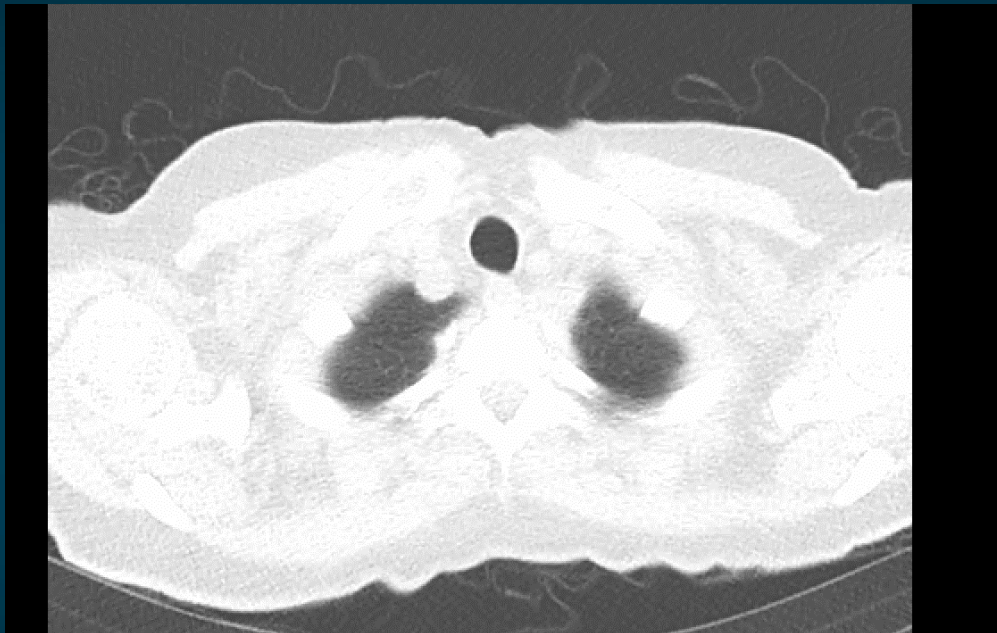


D/C = discontinue; H/P = history and physical; HRCT = high-resolution CT; PND = postnasal drip.
Irwin RS, et al. *Chest*. 2018;153:196-209.

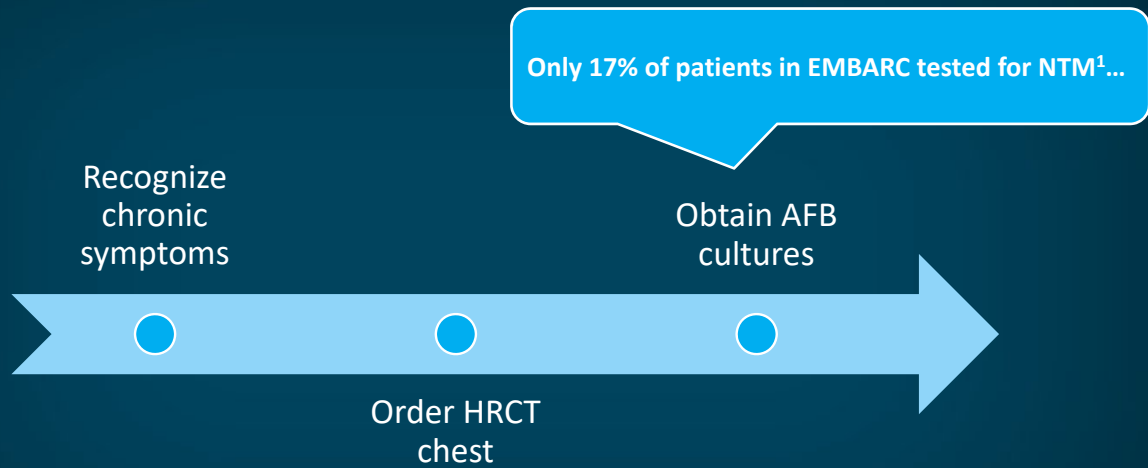
Case Study: 65-Year-Old Woman With a Chronic Cough

- 65-year-old woman from Colorado
- Chronic cough of 2 years, productive
- Weight loss
- Frequent “bronchitis”
- Physical examination: BMI, 17.5
 - Otherwise unremarkable
- Laboratory: CRP, 0.75 (<0.40)
- Microbiology: 3/3 sputum smear –
 - Culture + *M intracellulare*

CRP = C-reactive protein.



Diagnostic Steps

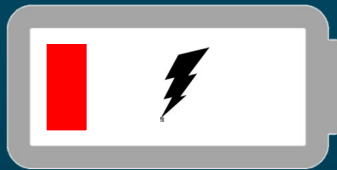
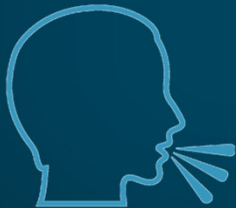


AFB = acid-fast bacilli.

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Clinical Manifestations of NTM-LD

Median time from symptom onset to diagnosis of NTM-LD is 2 years



Symptom	Frequency (n = 63)
Fatigue	52 (83%)
Cough	49 (78%)
Phlegm	42 (67%)
Shortness of breath	41 (65%)
Night sweats	34 (54%)
Fever	28 (44%)
Hemoptysis	18 (29%)
Weight loss	3.7 ± 5.2 kg

Kim RD, et al. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med*. 2008;178:1066-1074. Ahmed I, et al. *Int J Infect Dis*. 2020;92:S46-S50.

Diagnosis of MAC-PD

Clinical	Pulmonary or systemic symptoms	Both required
Radiological	Nodular or cavitary opacities on chest radiograph or HRCT that show bronchiectasis with multiple small nodules	
Appropriate exclusion of other diagnoses		
Microbiological	1. Positive cultures from ≥2 separate sputum samples. If the results are nondiagnostic, consider repeat sputum AFB smears and cultures OR 2. Positive cultures from at least one bronchial wash or lavage OR 3. Transbronchial or other lung biopsy with mycobacterial histologic features (granulomatous inflammation or AFB) and positive culture for NTM or biopsy showing mycobacterial histologic features (granulomatous inflammation or AFB) and ≥1 sputum or bronchial washings that are culture positive for NTM	

- Culture to the species level is required
- Multiple specimens: 3 over ≥1 week, preferably over weeks
- Pursue sputum induction if patient is unable to expectorate

MAC-PD = MAC pulmonary disease.

Daley CL, et al. *Clin Infect Dis.* 2020;71:905-913. Daley CL, et al. *Eur Respir J.* 2020;56:2000535.

Interpretation of Radiographic Findings

- Bronchiectatic-nodular phenotype
- Lady Windermere: anterior lobes
- Lower lobe disease suggests:
 - GERD
 - Oropharyngeal dysphagia
 - Chronic sinusitis
 - Humoral immunodeficiency
 - Inflammatory bowel disease
 - PCD
- Upper lobe disease suggests:
 - CF
 - Allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis
 - Sarcoidosis

Koh, WJ et al. *Eur Respir J.* 2017;50:1602503. Hwang JA, et al. *Eur Respir J.* 2017;49:1600537.



Interpretation of Radiographic Findings

- Cavitary phenotype
- Fibrocavitary
 - Typically upper lobe
 - Underlying emphysema
 - Associated pleural thickening
- Cavitary nodular bronchiectatic
 - No lobar predominance

Koh, EJ et al. *Eur Respir J.* 2017;50:1602503. Hwang JA, et al. *Eur Respir J.* 2017;49:1600537.



Specimen Collection

Bronchoscopy specimens

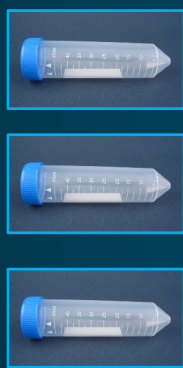
- Not as good as you think
 - Lidocaine is bacteriostatic
 - Specimen is dilute
 - Sampling error
 - Unable to determine bacterial load
 - Risks
 - Costs

Sputum

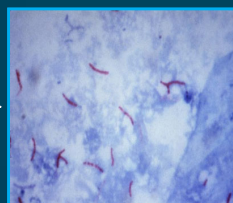
- Better than you think
 - Multiple specimens: 3 over ≥ 1 week, preferably over weeks
 - Sputum AFB smear positivity and number of cultures are associated with progression of NTM disease
 - Similar culture yield as bronchoscopy in tuberculosis and NTM
 - Induction with hypertonic saline is easy! Patients can do it at home

Culture and Identification

Ideally ≥ 1 week apart



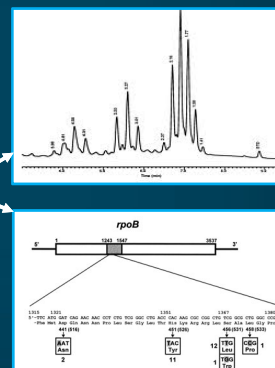
Microscopy
1 day



Culture
1-8 weeks



Identification
1 day to weeks



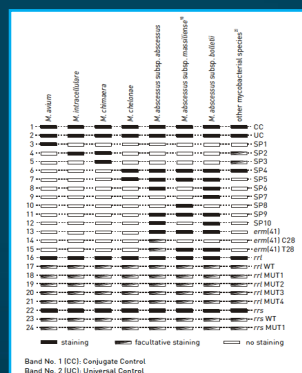
In MAC-PD, Guidelines Recommend Susceptibility-Based Treatment for **Macrolides** and **Amikacin** Over Empiric Therapy

Phenotypic Testing (weeks)

Antimicrobial Agent	MIC, $\mu\text{g/mL}$		
	S	I	R
Clarithromycin	≤ 8	16	≥ 32
Amikacin (IV)	≤ 16	32	≥ 64
Amikacin (liposomal inhaled)	≤ 64	—	≥ 128

CLSI. M62 Performance Standards for Susceptibility Testing, 2018

Genotypic Testing (hours/days)



rrl mutations (macrolide)

Sensitivity: 96.3%

Specificity: 100%

rrs mutations (aminoglycoside)

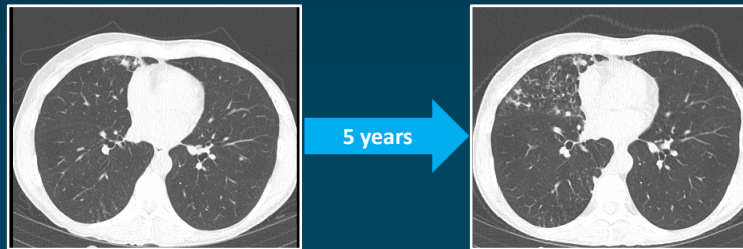
Sensitivity: 50%

Specificity: 100%

I = intermediate; IV = intravenous; MIC = minimum inhibitory concentration; R = resistant; S = susceptible.

Huh HJ, et al. *J Clin Micro*. 2019;57:e00516-e00519. Daley CL, et al. *Clin Infect Dis*. 2020;71:905-913. Daley CL, et al. *Eur Respir J*. 2020;56:2000535.

Why Is It Important to Diagnose and Treat NTM-LD?



NTM-LD

- Worsens underlying structural lung disease
- Impairs quality of life
- Increases mortality
- Increases healthcare resource utilization

Mehta M, Marras TK. *Respir Med* 2011;105:1718-1725. Huang CT, et al. *Int J Tuberc Lung Dis*. 2012;16:539-545. Marras TK, et al. *J Manag Care Spec Pharm*. 2018;24:964-974. Marras TK, et al. *Respir Med*. 2018;145:80-88.

Treatment Strategies for NTM-LD

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NTM Treatment Guideline

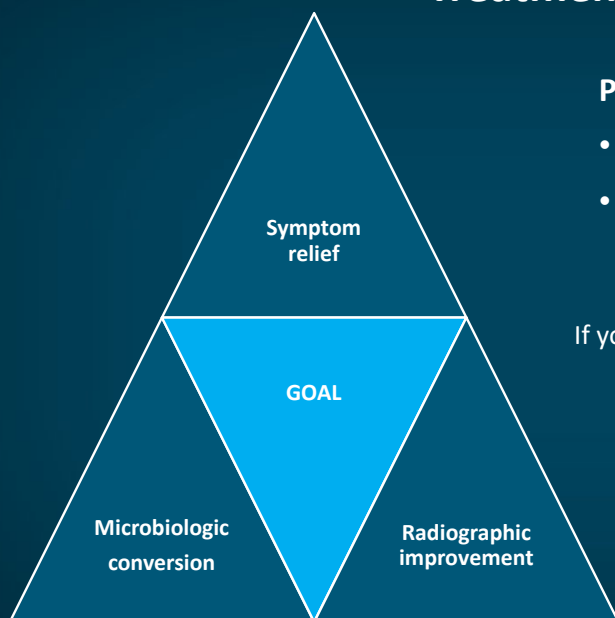


- Expert panel
 - 17 expert members
 - 2 methodologists
 - 1 medical librarian
 - 1 patient advocate
- Scope of guidelines
 - Pulmonary disease in adults (without HIV or CF)
 - *M avium* complex, *M kansasii*, *M xenopi*, *M abscessus*
- GRADE methodology
- 22 PICO (population, intervention, comparators, outcomes) questions
- 31 recommendations (7 MAC recommendations)
 - Strong (4): “recommend”
 - Conditional (28): “suggest”



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Treatment Goals



Patient's Perspective

- 57-question survey: NTMir
- 465 US patients with NTM

If your treatment could change 1 thing about your NTM lung infection, what would that be?

1. Culture conversion
2. Less coughing
3. Less fatigue

NTMir = NTM Info & Research.

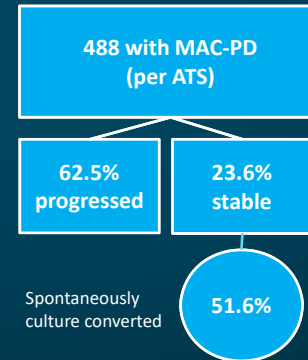
NTM patient survey March 2019. Courtesy of Amy Leitman.

Initiate Treatment or “Watchful Waiting”?

Recommendation

In patients who meet the diagnostic criteria for NTM pulmonary disease, we suggest initiation of treatment rather than watchful waiting, **especially in the context of positive AFB sputum smears and/or cavitary lung disease** (conditional recommendation, very low certainty in estimates of effect)

- Host and organism factors are related to progression of disease
 - Some NTM species are more pathogenic than others
 - Immunocompromised patients at greater risk
- **Bacterial load** (ie, smear positive) and **radiographic extent of disease** (ie, cavitary) are predictors of progression
- Other predictors are older age, low BMI (<18.5), comorbidities, low albumin, anemia, and elevated inflammatory indices



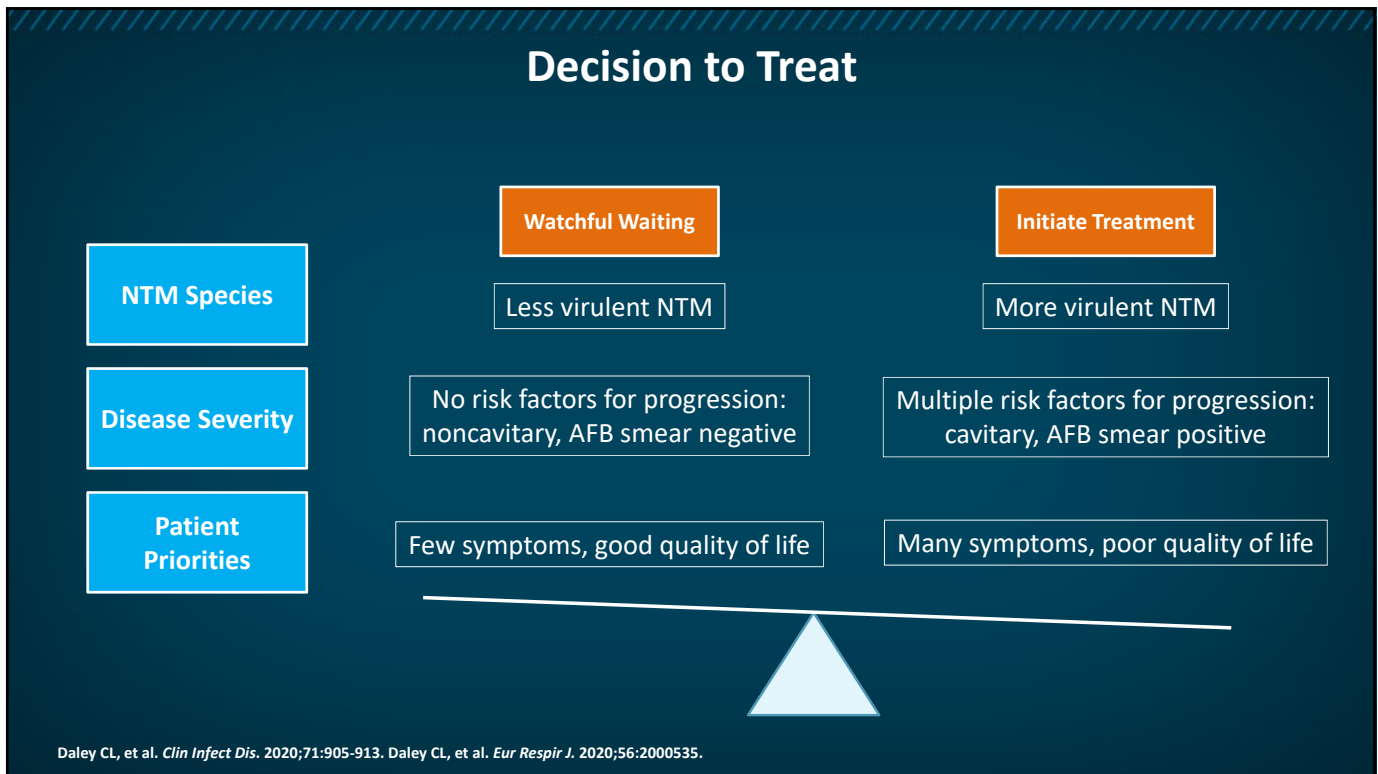
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Who Should Be Treated? Risk Factors Associated With Progression

Host/Demographic Factors	Laboratory Factors	Radiographic Factors	Microbial Factors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male gender • Older age • Presence of comorbidities • Low BMI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elevated inflammatory indices (ESR, CRP) • Anemia • Hypoalbuminemia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fibrocavitary • Extent of disease 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bacterial load • Species

ESR = erythrocyte sedimentation rate.

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- Low BMI
- Elevated CRP
- Comorbidities

Always Treat the Underlying Bronchiectasis

- Initiate airway clearance
- Evaluate and treat GERD
- Manage other comorbidities
 - CF, alpha-1 deficiency, common variable immunodeficiency, etc
- Improve nutrition
- Treat other concurrent infections (*Pseudomonas*)



Carro LM, Martínez-García MA. *Ther Adv Respir Dis.* 2019;13:1753466619866102.

Recommended Initial Treatment Regimens for MAC-PD

	No. of Drugs	Preferred Regimen*	Dosing Frequency
Nodular bronchiectatic	3	Azithromycin (clarithromycin) Rifampicin (rifabutin) Ethambutol	3 times weekly
Cavitary	≥3	Azithromycin (clarithromycin) Rifampicin (rifabutin) Ethambutol Amikacin IV (streptomycin) [†]	Daily (IV aminoglycoside may be used 3 times weekly)

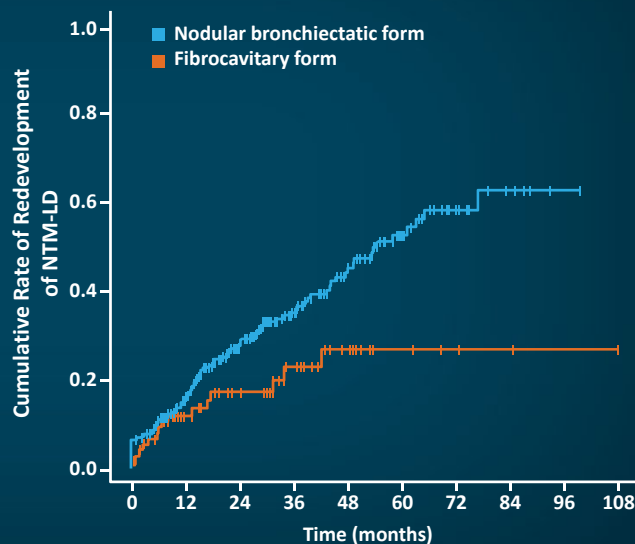
*Alternative drugs could include clofazimine, moxifloxacin, linezolid (tedizolid), and bedaquiline.

[†]Consider for cavitary, extensive nodular bronchiectatic, or macrolide-resistant disease.

Daley CL, et al. *Clin Infect Dis.* 2020;71:905-913. Daley CL, et al. *Eur Respir J.* 2020;56:2000535.

Treatment Outcomes for MAC

	Culture Conversion
Macrolide susceptible	
Noncavitary	80%
Cavitary	50%-80%
Macrolide resistant	
No surgery/aminoglycoside*	5%
Some surgery/aminoglycoside	15%
Surgery + prolonged aminoglycoside*	80%



*≥6 months parenteral aminoglycoside.

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Monitoring Response to Therapy: What Improves?

- Retrospective cohort study of 217 patients with treatment-naïve noncavitary MAC-PD at Samsung Medical Center in Seoul, South Korea
- Patients received 3-drug regimen (macrolide, ethambutol, rifampin)
- All patients received daily therapy before January 2011 and intermittent therapy after that date

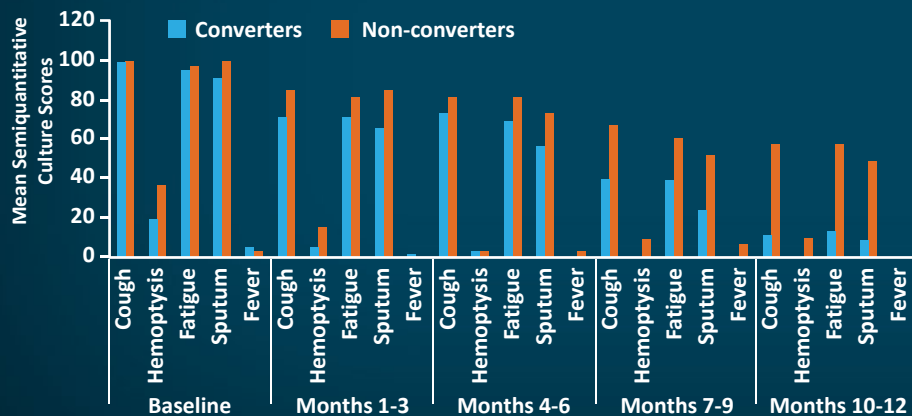
Treatment Outcome	Daily (n = 99)	Intermittent (n = 118)	P-value
Symptomatic improvement, n (%)	74 (75)	97 (82)	.181
Radiographic improvement, n (%)	67 (68)	86 (73)	.402
Culture conversion, n (%)	75 (76)	79 (67)	.154
Time to conversion, median (IQR), days	34 (27-68)	35 (28-85)	.149

IQR = interquartile range.

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Correlation of Change in Symptoms, Radiographs, and Semiquantitative Culture Results With Culture Conversion

- 180 patients treated with standard MAC therapy at University of Texas, Tyler
- Semiquantitative cultures were obtained throughout the course of therapy



Early semiquantitative sputum agar plate culture results can be used to predict symptomatic and radiographic improvement as well as long-term sputum culture conversion to negative

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Monitoring Mycobacterial Culture Response to Therapy

- Time of sputum culture conversion defines total duration of therapy

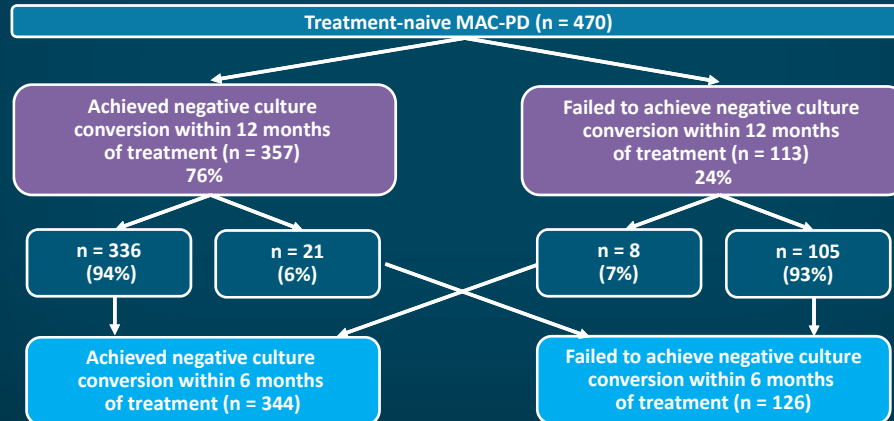


- Lack of sputum culture conversion defines “treatment refractory”



Culture Status at 6 and 12 Months in MAC-PD

470 patients with treatment-naïve MAC-PD, Samsung, Seoul, South Korea



Moon SM, et al. *Eur Respir J*. 2019;53:1801636.

Development of antibiotic tolerance and resistance in NTM

<https://youtu.be/ybaKmM0JZN0>

Case Study: 65-Year-Old Woman With a Chronic Cough

- Patient is started on a 3-drug macrolide-containing regimen administered 3 times weekly given her noncavitary disease
 - Azithromycin 500 mg
 - Ethambutol 2,400 mg
 - Rifampin 600 mg
- She tolerated the medications well, her cough improved, and she gained a small amount of weight
- However, after 6 months, her cultures remained positive
- **What treatment options are available?**

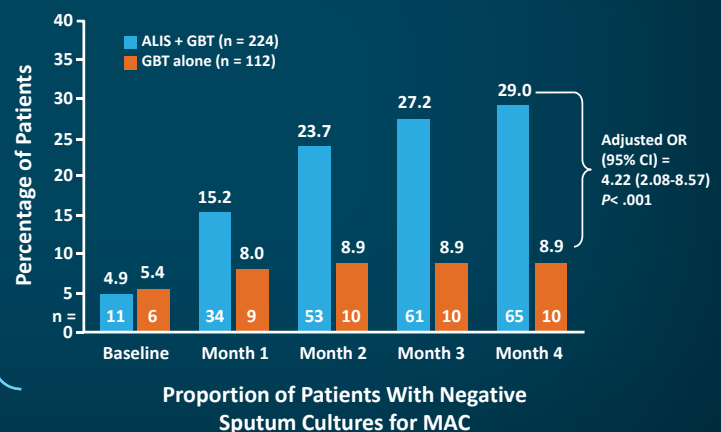
Treatment Refractory MAC-PD Inhaled Amikacin

Recommendation

In patients with newly diagnosed MAC-PD, we suggest neither inhaled amikacin (parenteral formulation) nor amikacin liposome inhalation suspension (ALIS) be used as part of the initial treatment regimen (conditional recommendation, very low certainty in estimates of effect)

In patients with MAC-PD who have failed therapy after ≥ 6 months of guideline-based therapy, we recommend addition of ALIS to the treatment regimen rather than a standard oral regimen, only (strong recommendation, moderate certainty in estimates of effect)

CONVERT Study – Randomized, Controlled Study of ALIS in Treatment-Refractory MAC-PD



GBT = guideline-based therapy.

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Managing Adverse Drug Reactions

- Adverse drug reactions are very common during the treatment of MAC
- Adverse drug reactions can lead to:
 - Interruption in treatment, morbidity, and in some cases nonadherence and discontinuation of therapy
- Alterations in therapy may adversely impact treatment outcomes
- Strategies are needed to decrease drug-related toxicity and improve management of side effects and adherence to treatment

Adverse Drug Reactions in Patients Treated for Pulmonary MAC by Type

- Retrospective, study of 364 patients in Tokyo given ≥ 2 drugs (clarithromycin, rifampin, or ethambutol) for MAC-PD

	Hepatotoxicity	Leukocytopenia	Thrombocytopenia	Cutaneous Reactions	Ocular Toxicity
Prevalence, %	19.5	20.0	28.6	9.3	7.7
Time to onset, days	55	41	61.5	30	278
Duration, days	59	261	431	NA	NA
Discontinuation, %	2.8	1.4	1.0	11.8	96.2
			Usually due to rifampin		Due to ethambutol; improved in 52% within 5 months

Kamii Y, et al. *Int J Tuberc Lung Dis.* 2018;22:1505-1510.

Treatment of MAC Infection

Monitoring for Adverse Reactions

Macrolide

- QT prolongation
- GI side effects
- Hearing loss

Ethambutol

- Optic neuritis
- Neuropathy

Rifampin

- Hematologic
- GI intolerance
- Malaise

Amikacin

- Renal
- Vestibular
- Ototoxicity

- CBC, liver function tests, and metabolic panel every 1-3 months
- Frequency depends on regimen, age, comorbidities, concurrent drugs, overlapping toxicities, and resources

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CONVERT Study of Amikacin Liposome Inhalation Suspension

Treatment Emergent AEs

AE	GBT + ALIS	GBT
Respiratory-related AEs		
Dysphonia	45.7%	0.9%
Cough	37.2%	15.2%
Dyspnea	21.5%	8.9%
Hemoptysis	17.5%	13.4%
Oropharyngeal pain	10.8%	1.8%
Audiological AEs		
Tinnitus	7.6%	0.9%
Dizziness	6.3%	2.7%
Hearing loss	4.5%	6.3%
Serious AEs	20.2%	17.9%
Discontinuation of ALIS	17.5%	—

Black Box Warning

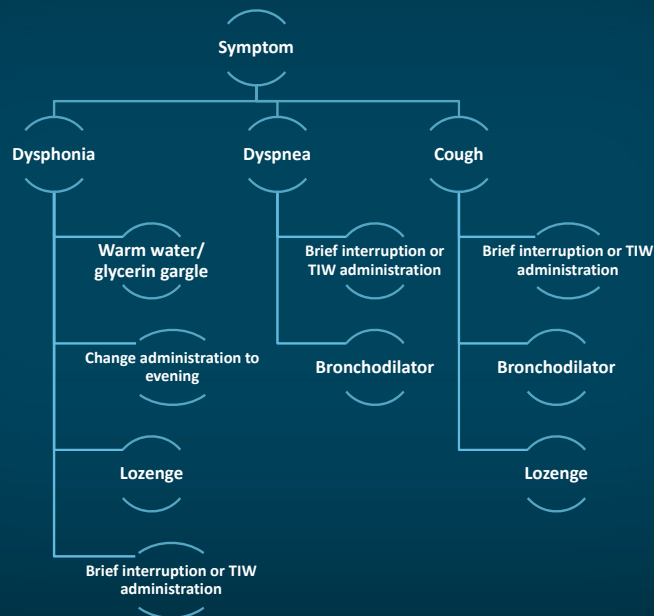
ALIS has been associated with an increased risk of respiratory adverse reactions including hypersensitivity pneumonitis, hemoptysis, bronchospasm, and exacerbations of underlying pulmonary disease that have led to hospitalizations in some cases.

AE = adverse event.

Griffith D, et al. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med*. 2018;198:1559-1569.

Amikacin liposome inhalation suspension PI 2018 (https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2018/207356s000lbl.pdf). Accessed May 4, 2021.

Amikacin Liposome Inhalation Solution Management of AEs



Patient-Centered Approach to Therapy

- Multidisciplinary approach to therapy
 - Importance of addressing comorbidities, GERD, nutrition, mental health issues, airway clearance, and pulmonary rehabilitation
- Review reasons for treatment and realistic expectations
 - Risk factors for progression, **goals of therapy**
- Review how treatment response will be assessed
 - Sputum cultures every 1-2 months
- Review side effects of medications, monitoring plans, and possible treatment interventions should side effects occur
 - Stopping offending drugs, drug “holidays”, or alternative treatment options

NTM Future Treatments

Drug	Indication	Activity	Use
Antibiotics			
ALIS	MAC	MAC (new diagnosis)	Clinical trials
SPR720	None	MAC	Clinical trial
Bedaquiline	Multidrug-resistant tuberculosis	MAC, <i>M abscessus</i>	Off-label use
Clofazimine	Leprosy	All mycobacteria	Clinical trial Off-label use
Omadacycline	Bacterial infections	<i>M abscessus</i>	Clinical trial planned
Beta-lactams	<i>Pseudomonas</i>	<i>M abscessus</i>	Off-label use
Other agents			
Inhaled nitric oxide	ICU	All organisms	Clinical trial Off-label use
Inhaled gallium	None	NTM	Clinical trial
Bacteriophages	None	All organisms	Compassionate use

Key Points

- Laboratory diagnosis should include precise speciation and determination of *in vitro* susceptibility testing to at least macrolides and amikacin
- Diagnosis of NTM-related disease includes synthesis of clinical, radiographic, and microbiologic information
- For those who meet diagnostic criteria, initiation of therapy is preferred, especially for those with higher bacterial load and extensive radiographic disease
- MAC should be treated with a 3-drug macrolide-containing regimen for 12 months after culture conversion to negative
 - Nodular bronchiectatic disease can be treated 3x/week
 - Cavitory disease should be treated daily and parenteral aminoglycoside considered for first 2-3 months
- Treatment refractory MAC-PD should have ALIS added to guideline-based therapy

Thank You!

Q & A

Nontuberculous Mycobacterial Lung Disease (NTM-LD): Individualizing Treatment Goals and Strategies

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