

The University of Texas at Tyler School of Medicine Inaugural Symposium on Mycobacteria

April 17-18, 2026

This educational activity will provide information on advanced treatments and management of pulmonary disease caused by *M. tuberculosis* and nontuberculosis mycobacteria (NTM). It is designed for physicians as well as nurses and other allied healthcare professionals.

Lectures will be followed by the opportunity for questions and answers.

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Registration & Conference Location

UT Tyler Health Science Center
President's Event Center
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Registration Fee: $150.00

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Symposium Schedule

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026

5 - 6 p.m.
Registration

6 - 6:30 p.m.
To Treat or Observe: A Clinician's Perspective on NTM Pulmonary Disease
Speaker: Mladjen Veselinovic, MD

6:30 - 7 p.m.
NTM Health Policy & Patient Advocate
Speaker: Amy Leitman, JD

7 - 8:45 p.m.
Hors d'oeuvres & Dinner

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

7 - 8 a.m.
Registration & Breakfast

8:00 - 8:15 a.m.
Welcome & Introductions
Speaker: Julie V. Philley, MD

8:15 - 8:30 a.m.
Richard J. Wallace Lectureship Presentation
Speaker: Barbara Brown-Elliott, MS

8:30 - 9 a.m.
Richard J. Wallace Lectureship: Management of Pulmonary *Mycobacterium abscessus*
Speaker: Rocio Hurtado, MD

Session One: Epidemiology & Outcomes

9 - 9:30 a.m.
Sequencing MAC: Species Importance in the Home Environment and Through Treatment
Speaker: Scott Heysell, MD, MPH

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Identifying Core Outcome Domains: A *Mycobacterium avium* complex Core Outcomes Research Study
Speaker: Cara Varley, MD, MPH

10 - 10:30 a.m.
Break

Session Two: Advancing Translational Therapeutics

10:30 - 11 a.m.
Preclinical and Clinical Development of New TB and NTM Treatments: It Takes Two to Tango
Speaker: Tawanda Gumbo, MD

11 - 11:30 a.m.
Dual Beta-lactam Therapeutic Strategies for NTM
Speaker: Khalid Dousa, MD

11:30 a.m. - Noon
NTM Animal Models
Speaker: Gyanu Lamichhane, PhD

Noon - 1 p.m.
Lunch & Networking

Session Three: Immunology & Vaccines

1 - 1:30 p.m.
Immunologic Impact Factors for NTM Infection
Speaker: Christa Zerbe, MD, MS

1:30 - 2 p.m.
Mucosal Immune Priming and Sex-Dependent Protection in Tuberculosis Vaccination
Speaker: Marcela Henao-Tamayo, MD, PhD

2 - 2:30 p.m.
Break

Session Four: From Trials to Treatment: Advancing Mycobacterial Care

2:30 - 3 p.m.
UT Tyler NTM Clinical Trial Updates
Speakers: Megan Devine, MD, & Devanshi Mehta, MD

3 - 3:30 p.m.
Therapeutic Strategies for MDR-TB
Speakers: Lisa Armitige, MD, PhD, & Barbara Seaworth, MD

3:30 - 4 p.m.
Surgical Management of Mycobacterial Lung Infections
Speaker: James Caccitolo, MD

4 - 4:15 p.m.
Closing Remarks

Symposium Speakers

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