

I was so ill that I felt
I just had to surrender to it.

- Frances

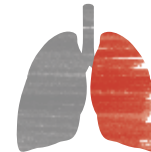


What could be worse than having NTM? Not knowing you have NTM.



A GROWING PROBLEM

- A nontuberculous mycobacterial (NTM) lung infection is a chronic and **debilitating lung condition** that can be easily overlooked^{1,3}
- There are an estimated **86,000 cases** of NTM lung infections in the US, and that number continues to grow more than 8% every year^{4,5}



WHO'S AT RISK?

- Patients with structural lung damage are at a **greater risk** of being infected. In fact, up to 50% of patients with bronchiectasis may also have an active NTM lung infection^{1,6,7}
- If you suspect your patient may have NTM, it is important to make a **definitive diagnosis** as soon as possible. Delaying diagnosis can lead to prolonged and inaccurate treatment, which may result in worsening symptoms, compounding respiratory problems for patients¹



MAKE A DEFINITIVE DIAGNOSIS

- If a patient has 1 positive culture, it is urgent to continue testing and to follow the ATS/IDSA Statement. Research has shown that for nearly **3 out of 4 patients** with at least 1 positive culture, NTM does not clear on its own^{2,8}
- Clinical, radiographic, AND microbiologic criteria are all required for diagnosing an NTM lung infection. **Refer to the ATS/IDSA Statement** for all NTM diagnosis recommendations²

Think NTM? Test for NTM.

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