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Advancing TB Care Together: Celebrating the Success of the 2026 Clinical Intensive

The 2026 Clinical Intensive brought together **147 TB professionals from across the United States** for 2.5 days of engaging learning, collaboration, and practical skill-building. Through expert-led presentations, interactive discussions, real-world case studies, and peer networking, attendees gained evidence-based strategies and tools to strengthen TB care and prevention efforts. Topics ranging from pediatric TB and imaging to contact investigations and complex case management provided timely relevant education for today's TB workforce.

Participants reported greater confidence in addressing complex TB challenges and valued the faculty's practical, real-world insights and case-based discussions.

A special thank you to this year's faculty for sharing their expertise, experience, and real-world perspectives. Their engaging presentations, case studies, and practical insights enriched the learning experience and helped participants translate knowledge into practice.

UPCOMING TRAINING & COURSES

Webinars

- Civil Surgeons Series: Ask the Experts / Q&A Panel | *November 4*
- Immunomodulatory Biologics: Implications for Tuberculosis Infection and Disease | *November 19*
- Innovations in TB - HIV Edition | *December 1, 2026*
- TB Vaccine Research and Future Directions | December 17
- Recorded Webinar Library

In Person

- TB Nursing Symposium | May 4-5, 2027 | Rochester, Minnesota
- 2027 National TB Conference | June 21–25, 2027 | Atlanta, Georgia

Virtual Courses

- Foundations in Tuberculosis course | *Continuous "On-Demand"*

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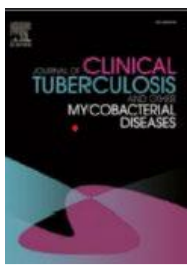

Hepatic steatosis affects the outcome of anti-tuberculosis treatment in pulmonary tuberculosis patients

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Pulmonary tuberculosis (PTB) remains a major cause of infectious-disease mortality worldwide. Host metabolic status may shape treatment response, but whether hepatic steatosis affects sputum smear conversion in PTB remains poorly defined.

Updates from Our Partners

Save the Date: 2027 National TB Conference

The National TB Coalition of America (NTCA) is heading back to Atlanta for the 2027 National TB Conference! Held in partnership with APHL, the conference is planned for the week of June 21–25 at the Loews Atlanta Midtown Hotel. Watch registration, hotel information, abstract submissions, and award nominations in early 2027.
Help shape the conference! NTCA is gathering feedback on agenda topics and meeting schedules through a brief survey, with responses due October 21, 2026.

TB in the Postpartum Period | November 10, 2026

Registration is open for the final webinar in the *TB in Women: Considerations for Reproductive Health and Pregnancy* series. Hosted by the Global Tuberculosis Institute at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, this session will focus on TB management during the postpartum period. Join virtually **November 10, from 1–2:30 p.m. ET**. Scan the QR code for more information and to register.

New from Heartland: Rash Assessment & Description Guide in Spanish

Heartland National TB Center has released a Spanish version of its Rash Assessment & Description Guide. This nursing resource helps healthcare professionals identify and describe skin conditions when caring for patients with TB. It includes the same information as the English guide, making the resource available to Spanish-speaking healthcare colleagues. Download the Spanish guide

Registration Open: CDC's Virtual ACET Meeting

The CDC's Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis (ACET) will meet virtually **December 2–3, 2026**, to share updates on national TB prevention and elimination efforts. Topics will include 2025 U.S. TB surveillance data, TB diagnostics, workforce developments, clinical trials, and post-TB lung disease.

The meeting is open to the public and runs **11 a.m.–3:30 p.m. CT on December 2** and **11 a.m.–3 p.m. CT on December 3**. Advance registration is required for each day. Written comments and requests to provide oral comments are due **November 25**.

RADx Tech: Helping Bring Diagnostic Innovations to Patients

Developing a new diagnostic test is more than a promising idea. Researchers and developers also need to evaluate performance, navigate regulatory requirements, and prepare for manufacturing. The National Institutes of Health's Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics Technology (RADx Tech) program brings expertise and resources together to help move that process forward.

Originally launched to expand COVID-19 testing, RADx Tech helped accelerate the development and availability of laboratory, point-of-care, and at-home tests. Its approach connects developers with support for test validation, clinical studies, regulatory planning, and production—helping address challenges that can slow the path from an early concept to a usable product.

NIH is now building on that infrastructure to support diagnostic and monitoring technologies for a wider range of health conditions. For readers interested in the future of testing, RADx Tech offers a look at how collaboration can help bring new technologies closer to the people and communities who need them.

Learn more: NIH RADx Tech Program

We welcome continued feedback on how MCCT can better serve public health partners, rural communities, and the broader TB community. Your input helps us strengthen training, resources, and connections across the region. TBCenter@mayo.edu

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