

## KEEPING THE FOCUS ON NTM RESEARCH

**Kevin Winthrop, MD, MPH**

Professor, Oregon Health & Sciences University

“*NTMIR is one of our most important partners in pushing NTM research ahead. The last five years has seen more progress than I can ever remember, and our partnership with patients and NTMir have been absolutely integral pushing ahead patient-centered research.*”



What a long, strange year it's been.

This year, amidst the tragedy of the pandemic and the loneliness of staying apart to stay alive and healthy, we have all learned new ways of reaching out to each other.

We are all adapting to new ways of reaching out, connecting and supporting each other through what has been a challenging year. Thanks to technology, though we are far apart, we have found new ways to bring our NTM family together.

Fern Leitman, my late stepmother, was an NTM patient, a bronchiectasis patient, and a warrior her entire life. She founded NTM Info & Research to give all NTM patients a voice, and it is a fight we are honored to continue on behalf of NTM patients.

Your support of NTM Info & Research means the world to us, and it allows us all to continue the vital work we do every day on behalf of NTM patients. Every time I speak to a patient, I am reminded of just how much our work touches the lives of people affected by NTM.

Please join me in giving to NTMir today – **thanks to a generous matching gift**, your donation will go twice as far. Every dollar we raise ensures that we are able to continue funding research and providing resources to patients with NTM lung disease, so they have hope for a brighter tomorrow.

Gratefully,

*Amy Leitman*

President, NTM Info & Research



*Your Support at Work.*

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DOLLARS OF HOPE**



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### FUNDING RESEARCH

NTMir is funding new research; up to **\$300,000** over two years for research to accelerate the understanding of NTM lung disease and evaluate different therapeutics for it.



### PATIENT-REPORTED OUTCOMES (PRO)

NTMir is collaborating with industry to develop a patient-reported outcomes (PRO) tool, which will eventually be validated so it can be used as an endpoint in clinical trials. This will allow regulators to better understand how these new therapies are truly a benefit to patients.



### A NEW TREATMENT FOR BRONCHIECTASIS

NTMir is working with industry as they prepare for the next stage of development of a new therapeutic targeting the inflammation associated with bronchiectasis.



### CLINICAL TRIALS RESEARCH NETWORKS

As a founding member of the NTM Research Consortium, NTMir is working to recruit clinical trial sites and help build the new NTM Clinical Trials Network (NTM-CTN).

## WHAT PATIENTS ARE SAYING

*Kelly G.*

### NTM PATIENT

*"I'm so thankful to NTMir. As a personal touch, they are my representatives to help with my rare disease outreach in hard situations with specialty doctors at top-notch medical facilities. They offer wonderful group supports for NTM and rare diseases for those of us around the country. Helping me make personal connections in difficult situations, lending a hand and doing everything they can to help us stay healthy as possible! I wish there were more organizations such as NTMir, and their dedicated team!"*

*Mary K*

### BRONCHIECTASIS PATIENT

*"NTMir is a huge benefit to patients, physicians and researchers. I love that you are so active with research and education, and that you are so supportive of the local support groups which patients really need. NTMir is always thinking ahead to encompass the needs of patients with NTM and bronchiectasis. The connection I feel with NTMir is personal. You make yourselves accessible, whether it's with group leaders, or accessibility to information, or having patient conferences that are open to patients, family, and providers."*

## YOUR DONATION... DOUBLED!

Thanks to the support of generous donors, your contribution will be DOUBLED!\*

It is vital that we continue building a community researching improved treatments, advocating for increased research funding, and increasing awareness. Please make a tax-deductible donation today!

Your tax-deductible gift can be made:

- Online at [NTM.charityproud.org/Donate](https://NTM.charityproud.org/Donate)



- Via mail complete and send enclosed pledge card and envelope.
- Via phone (305) 859-1411

Thank you for your belief in NTMir, for your commitment to its mission, and for being a part of its future.

Remember, you can deduct your donation in 2020 even if you do not itemize on your taxes thanks to the CARES ACT!

\*Up to \$10,000



## HOW WE HELP



### PATIENT SUPPORT

Starts with listening and educating, whether by phone, email, or video chat to empower patients with webinars, websites and pamphlets to our amazing support groups and leaders.



### ADVOCACY

We are proud to lead the collective voice of the NTM community. Our advocacy has made NTM a priority with leading scientists, government agencies, and industry to ensure the needs of NTM patients are understood.



### MEDICAL EDUCATION

Science is evolving, and we will continue to prioritize NTM education, so physicians have the latest information to diagnose and treat NTM and our patients get the quality care they deserve.



### RESEARCH

NTMir is a catalyst. We fund targeted research and help recruit patients for studies. We partner with scientists, healthcare providers and industry on behalf of patients.