



2025 Annual Report

Executive Summary

In 2025, NTM Info & Research (NTMir) strengthened its role as a national and global leader in patient support, education, and applied research for individuals living with pulmonary nontuberculous mycobacterial (NTM) disease and bronchiectasis as well as extrapulmonary and disseminated NTM disease. Through expanded community programs, increased provider engagement, and impactful research partnerships, NTMir reached more patients and families than ever before.

NTMir's online peer-to-peer forum, NTM Connect, grew to over 4,000 active members with more than 22,000 discussion posts, providing vital connection, shared knowledge, and emotional support. Community engagement deepened through 48 active support groups led by 54 trained peer leaders, with seven new groups launched in 2025, including Spanish-language and men's support groups. More than 250 support group meetings were held, reinforcing NTMir's commitment to inclusive, patient-centered support.

Educational initiatives continued to expand through expert-led webinars, a growing digital education library with over 47,000 annual YouTube views, and patient conferences held in 2024 and 2025 that brought together more than 800 patients and caregivers. NTMir also expanded its Provider Referral Network to 321 NTM-experienced clinicians worldwide, improving access to knowledgeable and specialized care.

Research remained a cornerstone of NTMir's mission. In collaboration with leading microbiologists, NTMir made a significant commitment to fund applied, real-world research focused on environmental exposure, risk reduction, and daily disease management. Research findings from this research project, currently underway and projected to be completed in Q3 of 2026, will be actively translated into practical guidance shared directly with patients and healthcare providers.

Financially, NTMir demonstrated sustainability and growth, with total income of \$758,501 and year-over-year increases in fundraising driven by diversified campaigns and expanded corporate engagement. With strong governance, national recognition for advocacy and media outreach, and a growing Care Center Network initiative, NTMir closed 2025 well-positioned to further advance awareness, improve care, and enhance quality of life for individuals affected by NTM lung disease.

NTM Info & Research (NTMir)

NTM Info & Research (NTMir) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed on behalf of patients with pulmonary nontuberculous mycobacterial (NTM) disease to provide patient support, medical education, and research.

NTMir serves patients, healthcare providers, and researchers concerned with NTM lung disease. As a national organization, we are able to advance a broad agenda more effectively than individuals or institutions alone. Our voice represents the patients, providers, and researchers who comprise our collective constituency.

Our Mission

Our mission is to save and improve lives through research, education, early detection, and improved treatments for people with pulmonary nontuberculous mycobacterial (NTM) disease. By supporting innovative research, working with patients and support groups, engaging our constituencies to increase disease awareness, providing education for patients and healthcare providers, and demonstrating leadership at all levels, we strive to accelerate the development of new treatments and build a stronger network of physicians experienced in treating this disease.

Message from the President

Amy Leitman, President

Over the past years, we have seen firsthand how powerful connection can be—connection to one another, to trusted information, and to hope. In 2025, that sense of connection has never been stronger, and it continues to be the foundation of NTMir’s work.

I am deeply proud to share that, together, we reached more patients and families than ever before.

We have seen connections grow and strengthen throughout the NTM Connect patient forum, support groups, and our expanding educational and clinical impact. This includes growth of our Physician Referral Network, advancement of applied research focused on real-world risk reduction, and continued efforts to translate science into practical guidance patients can use every day. These initiatives reflect our commitment not only to

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supporting patients emotionally, but to empowering them with knowledge, access, and advocacy.

NTMir was founded by my stepmother, Fern Leitman, an NTM and bronchiectasis patient who believed deeply that patients deserved to be seen, heard, and supported. Her legacy lives in every connection made, every resource shared, and every life touched through this work. Each day, I am reminded how meaningful our mission is and how much stronger we are because of this community.

Board of Directors

- **Brandon Mitchell** – Board Chair
 - **James Zimny, Jr.** – Treasurer
 - **Candance Lerman** – Director
 - **Debbie Breslawsky** – Director
 - **Connie Kazanjian** – Director
 - **Elizabeth Glaeser** – Director
 - **Philip Leitman** – Director and Co-Founder
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Financial Overview

- **Total Income:** \$758,501 ¹
 - **End of Year Net Assets:** \$146,809
 - **Program Expenses:** \$730,808
 - **Fundraising expense:** \$ 64,036
 - **Administrative and Management:** \$113,959
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Key Accomplishments

¹ Monetary figures mentioned throughout report are from Fiscal Year 2024

NTM Connect

NTM Connect, NTMir's online peer-to-peer forum, grew to more than **4,000 active members** and **22,000+ discussion posts**, making it one of the largest global digital communities dedicated to individuals living with NTM lung disease and bronchiectasis.

Support Groups & Community Engagement

Support groups remain a cornerstone of NTMir's impact. As of 2025, NTMir supports **48 active support groups** led by **54 trained peer leaders**. In 2025 alone, **seven new groups** launched, including a Spanish-language Support Group and a Men's Support Group, in direct response to community needs. More than **250 support group meetings** were scheduled during the year.

Educational Programming

Educational outreach continued through regular webinars featuring leading clinicians and researchers. Recorded sessions are available on NTMir's YouTube channel, which now exceeds **47,000 annual views**, extending education and access well beyond live events.

Patient conferences were hosted in **2024 and 2025**, with more than **800 patients and caregivers** attending. These conferences provide opportunities for patients to connect with one another, strengthen community bonds, and engage directly with leading NTM specialists to learn about treatment developments.

Provider Referral Network

Expansion of the Provider Referral Network continued with **13 new providers added in 2025**, bringing the total to **321 NTM-experienced providers** and improving patient access to knowledgeable care nationwide and internationally.

Research Partnerships

Research collaborations were strengthened with leading NTM microbiologists **Dr. Joseph Falkinham** and **Dr. Jennifer Honda**. These partnerships focused on practical, life-saving interventions, including sterilization methods for airway clearance devices, NTM contamination in bottled water and microplastics, safe water-boiling times at varying elevations, and biofilm formation across different plumbing materials.

National Recognition

NTMir received the **2025 CommlImpact Award for Best Media Relations Campaign** for World NTM Awareness Day, recognizing the organization's effective use of patient stories, global advocacy, and innovative outreach.

Industry Engagement

In 2024, NTMir launched its **Corporate Advisory Council**, convening industry leaders to foster collaboration around advancements in NTM treatment, diagnostics, and patient care.

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Sustainable Funding Growth

NTMir introduced **global corporate fundraising packages** in 2024, enabling deeper sponsor engagement and contributing to a significant increase in contributed revenue.

Patient and Physician Outreach

One of NTMir's greatest accomplishments continues to be its ability to connect patients to one another. Through NTM Connect, more than **4,000 participants** engage in a growing community with **22,000+ discussions**.

Patient support remains the organization's central focus, with more than **250 support group meetings per year, 54 active leaders**, and the launch of new groups including Spanish-language and men's support groups.

NTMir is also proud to collaborate with industry leaders on the **Bronchiectasis and NTM Care Center Network**, a national initiative designed to improve access to high-quality, specialized care. The network includes designated Care Centers and Clinical Associate Centers across multiple states and the District of Columbia, each meeting rigorous criteria established by a steering committee of leading clinical experts. By connecting patients with centers demonstrating expertise in managing these complex conditions, the network helps reduce barriers to diagnosis and treatment, enhance care coordination, and improve clinical outcomes.

NTMir's **Provider Referral List** now includes more than **320 specialized physicians** across Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Nicaragua, and the United States.

Research

NTMir continues to advance patient-centered, applied research focused on reducing risk, improving daily disease management, and informing clinical practice for individuals living with NTM lung disease and bronchiectasis. In collaboration with Dr. Joseph Falkinham and Dr. Jennifer Honda, research is examining environmental sources of NTM exposure with an emphasis on real-world interventions.

Key research areas included effective sterilization methods for airway clearance devices, NTM contamination in bottled water brands including emerging concerns related to microplastics, safe water-boiling times at varying elevations, and biofilm formation across household plumbing materials. Findings will be actively translated into patient education materials, webinars, and actionable risk-reduction guidance published in peer-reviewed journals and shared across NTMir's support groups and digital platforms.

Fundraising

NTMir strengthened its fundraising strategy through two major annual campaigns. The 2025 mid-year **Support Group Leader Campaign** raised **\$9,491.13 in 2025**, compared to **\$1,610.08 in 2024**, representing nearly a **500% increase**.

In 2024, NTMir adopted a new three-tiered year-end fundraising initiative to include **Give Miami Day, Giving Tuesday**, and a traditional holiday mail solicitation, resulting in **\$101,724.14 raised**, a **33% increase over 2023**, when fundraising relied solely on a traditional mail campaign. Building on that success, the same approach generated **\$123,750.46 in 2025**, representing an additional **21.6% increase over 2024** and a **62.3% increase compared to 2023**. This consistent year-over-year growth demonstrates not only the effectiveness of the expanded fundraising strategy, but also its sustainability and increasing impact as NTMir continues with this plan.

Administrative and Management

Administrative and management expenses totaled **\$113,959**. During 2024, NTMir maintained a **GDPR- and U.S.-law-compliant database**, ensuring responsible stewardship of patient and organizational data.

NTMir remains committed to advancing research, strengthening community, and improving the lives of those affected by NTM lung disease—together, through connection, education, and advocacy.