



**National Audit of Clinical Practice for Adults with Non-Tuberculous Mycobacteria Pulmonary Disease
(Participating Centre)**

Dear Participating Centre,

Thank you for considering taking part in the national service audit of clinical care for adults with Non-Tuberculous Mycobacteria Pulmonary Disease (NTM-PD) in the UK. NTM-PD is increasingly common, and the available resources to manage this condition are limited. A multidisciplinary management plan, including pharmacological and non-pharmacological strategies, is recommended to optimise the healthcare of people with NTM-PD. In 2024, the NTM Network UK launched national Standards of Care that outline good practice in NTM management. We wish to understand how care was provided for UK adults with NTM-PD prior to their introduction.

We would like to audit the practice of NHS services that treat NTM-PD. We will ask healthcare practitioners from your facility to complete a concise set of questions tailored to collect anonymised, retrospective data on adults diagnosed with NTM-PD. This will use patients' records, with no direct patient recruitment or contact required. Data will be collected via the REDCap online survey interface and stored in a secure database at University College London (UCL) with encrypted digital password protection. We plan to include around 40-50 UK sites and collect information from each site on 3 consecutive adults with NTM-PD diagnosed from 1 January 2022 onwards.

We are aware that different NHS services have different levels of information governance requirements, and we have included separate information on this in the letter "Local approval for Clinical audit / service evaluation".

Please get in touch if you have any questions for us via nationalaudit@ntmnetworkuk.com

Yours faithfully

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