The frequency of non-tuberculous mycobacterial (NTM) infections especially pulmonary disease has been increasing. NTM infections are increasingly being reported from both immunocompromised and immunocompetent patients. Optimum diagnosis and management of these infections is challenging especially in resource limited settings. This difficulty highlights the need of increased communication between clinicians and laboratory scientists for better clinical outcomes.

Target audience
Medical microbiologists, clinicians, laboratory scientists, infectious diseases specialists

Objectives
1. To evaluate importance/significance of NTM in high TB endemic areas
2. To discuss diagnostic options of NTM appropriate for all settings
3. To discuss management strategies of NTM infections

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Non-tuberculous mycobacterial infection; diagnosis; management

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Presentations
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15:30 - 15:45 Pulmonary non-tuberculous mycobacterial isolate: is it a contaminant in high TB endemic setting?
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