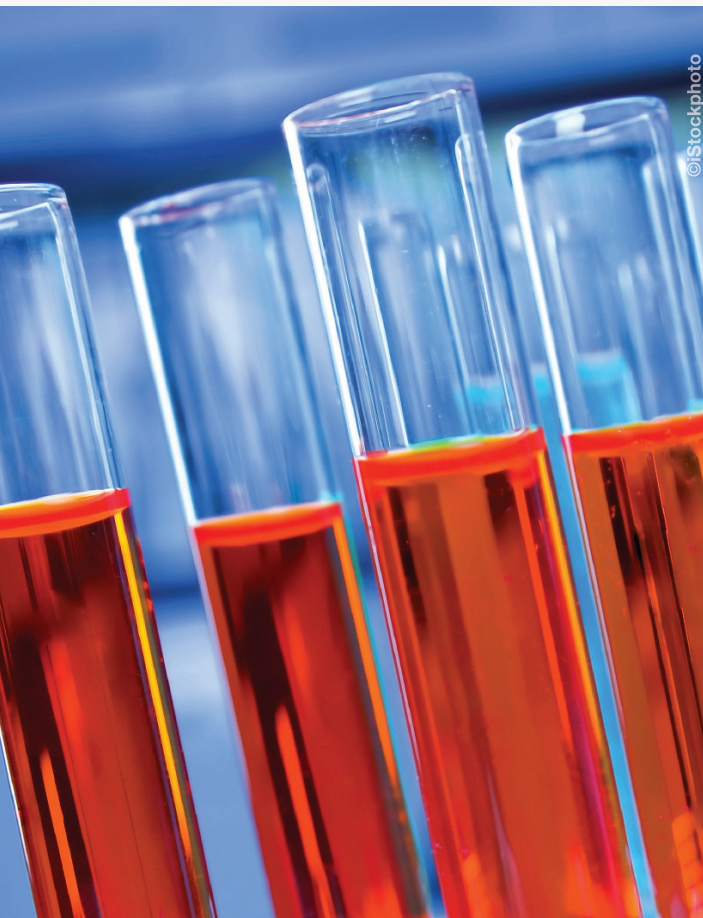


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# ATS ASSEMBLIES



The  
ASSEMBLY ON  
*Microbiology,  
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Assembly on Microbiology, Tuberculosis &  
Pulmonary Infections (MTPI).

The MTPI is dedicated to improving pulmonary health through promoting research, clinical practice and education in laboratory medicine, tuberculosis, other pulmonary infections, and host responses to these infections. There are many opportunities in the MTPI Assembly and we encourage your membership and participation.

## Who are we, and what are our research interests?

Members of the MTPI Assembly are MD and PhD investigators and clinicians. MTPI members are recognized leaders across a broad spectrum of research and clinical areas related to pulmonary infection, including but not limited to:

- Diagnostic strategies for tuberculosis and other pulmonary infections
- Tuberculosis epidemiology
- Treatment of tuberculosis, MDR and XDR
- Pediatric tuberculosis
- Nontuberculous mycobacterium (NTM) pulmonary infections
- Lung microbiome
- HIV-related lung disease
- Opportunistic pulmonary infection in non-HIV immunosuppression
- Lung immunology and host defenses to pulmonary infection
- Pathologic mechanisms in pulmonary infection
- Community acquired respiratory infections
- Nosocomial respiratory infections
- Bronchiectasis and chronic respiratory infection
- Fungal, viral and bacterial pneumonia
- Environmental and genetic risk factors for pulmonary infection
- Genetics of lung infection

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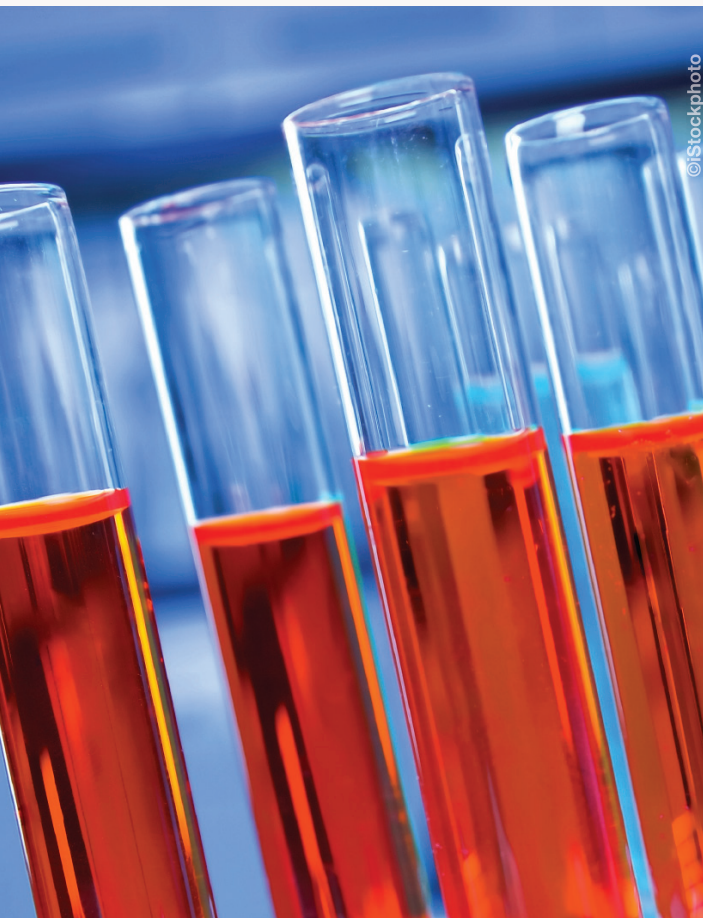
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## How to become involved in MTPI activities

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- Attend the annual MTPI membership meeting, as well as the pre-meeting reception for junior professionals and the post-meeting dinner, held on Monday at the ATS International Conference each year.
- Serve on one of the MTPI standing committees or working groups.
  - The Junior Membership Working Group is tasked with promoting membership and active participation in MTPI. Their special focus is to assist junior members in becoming more involved in MTPI activities.
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- The Nominating Committee identifies and nominates MTPI members to chair committees.
- The International Membership Working Group focuses on issues specific to our international members.
- The Web Committee continues to develop several exciting web-based programs including the clinical cases site, Maintenance of Certification webinars, and interactive surveys and links for participants.
- To get involved in one of the committees or with their related projects, please contact the respective committee chair directly. If you are a junior professional, please also contact the membership working group chair who can help facilitate your getting involved in committees and projects, based on your specific interests and skills. Contacts and email addresses for current committee chairs and members can be found at: <http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/mtpi/officers-and-committees.php>
- Submit proposals for MTPI Assembly Symposia, Sunrise Seminars and Post-Graduate Courses for the Annual International ATS Conference.
- Submit a case to the ATS Clinical Cases section. This is an excellent opportunity to publish a peer-reviewed pulmonary infection-related case, and submissions are welcomed from both faculty and fellows. Assistance with formatting and submission will be provided by the MTPI web committee.

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