

NTM Screening Process

1. Patient calls MLine number and leaves contact information.
2. Patient is contacted by NP/PA or other provider from relevant service. MiChart screening questionnaire is completed (see separate document). Patients who have positive symptom screen will be offered evaluation in appropriate surgical clinic. Positive symptom screen consists of the following:
 - a. Answers “yes” to any one of questions 1-4 from screening questionnaire.
 - b. Answers “yes” to any two questions including 5-8 from screening questionnaire.
3. Patient is evaluated in the appropriate surgical clinic if indicated based on screening questionnaire. Patients answering “yes” to 3 or more questions should receive expedited evaluation (within 1-2 weeks). The following evaluation should be performed in the appropriate surgical clinic:
 - a. Complete physical examination
 - b. Laboratory evaluation: CBCPD, comprehensive metabolic panel, ESR, CRP, routine blood cultures x 2 sets, AFB blood cultures
 - c. Imaging: echocardiogram (if symptoms are new since last echo or no echo within 6 months- please use clinical judgment)
 - d. Other imaging based on symptoms (e.g., ultrasound or CT for abdominal pain)
4. Patient is referred to ID clinic if both of the following criteria are met:
 - a. Symptoms are confirmed on evaluation in heater-cooler clinic.
 - b. Significant laboratory or imaging abnormalities are noted, including any of the following:
 - i. Low cell counts (WBC, platelets)
 - ii. Elevated LFTs
 - iii. Elevated ESR, CRP
 - iv. Positive blood cultures
 - v. Vegetation on echocardiogram