



As we wrap up 2025 and look ahead to 2026, I wanted to take a moment to wish you and your family a Happy Holiday season. As I reflect on 2025, I can't help but think of all the challenges the TB community at large has faced – an increase in the number of individuals with suspected or confirmed TB disease, increased medical and social issues surrounding these individuals, budget cuts, reduction in workforce, reduced budgets – just to name a few. Rather than focusing on all those challenges, I choose to focus on how the TB has once again risen to the occasion and faced those challenges head-on. You have had to do more with less (now more than ever). You have leaned on each other and helped one another. You have jumped over hurdles and found ways to address these challenges while managing to provide the best of care to our clients and their families. I also look at the efforts of NTCA to speak on behalf of and advocate for TB programs. NTCA has collaborated with drug manufacturers to address pricing and shortages, facilitated the procurement of bedaquiline, and worked with government officials to raise awareness about the challenges faced by TB programs. Additionally, NTCA has partnered with ICE to ensure continuity of care. I couldn't be prouder to be a part of and serve as President of such a great organization, which is made great by its members and the passion they have for TB and all those affected by it.

As we enter 2026, we face considerable uncertainty. What will our budgets be? What will our surveillance look like? What will staffing look like? Despite these uncertainties, I remain confident that together we will meet each challenge and work to overcome each and every one. It is an honor to call you my colleagues and friends; the TB community is truly like no other. Individual program successes are successes for us all, and the challenges a program faces pose a challenge to us all. During this holiday season, I hope you are able to enjoy time away from work and enjoy time with family and friends. Recharge those batteries and be ready to face 2026 together.

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