Bronchiectasis and NTM Care Center Network

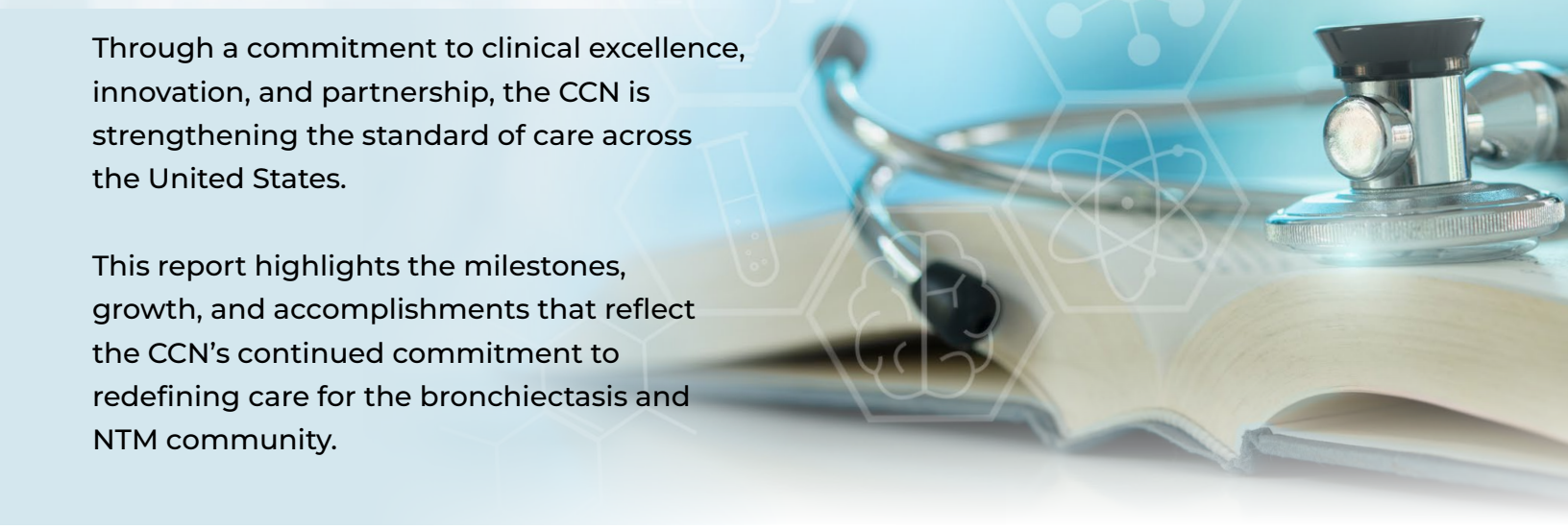
Annual Impact Summary (July 2025 – June 2026)

Advancing Care, Expanding Access, Improving Lives

The Bronchiectasis and NTM Care Center Network (CCN) continues to transform care for people living with bronchiectasis and nontuberculous mycobacterial (NTM) lung disease. In just two years, the network has grown from a bold vision into a rapidly expanding national model that is improving access to specialized care, fostering collaboration among leading clinical experts, and advancing research and education.

Through a commitment to clinical excellence, innovation, and partnership, the CCN is strengthening the standard of care across the United States.

This report highlights the milestones, growth, and accomplishments that reflect the CCN's continued commitment to redefining care for the bronchiectasis and NTM community.



Key Achievements

Accelerating National Growth

- The CCN grew to **62 total centers across 31 states**, an **88% expansion** in one year.
  - New centers were recruited through national outreach, strategic partnerships, and targeted education campaigns.

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More people across the U.S. now have access to specialized, high-quality care closer to home.

Strengthening Quality and Accountability

- A new Annual Review process ensures continuous improvement among all CCN centers.
  - Each center is evaluated in key areas, including patient care, research, education, and collaboration.
  - Reviews include structured leadership discussions, multidisciplinary team input, and actionable feedback.

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This ensures consistent, high-quality care standards across every CCN site and supports ongoing program development.

Expanding Research Opportunities

- Participation in the Bronchiectasis and NTM Research Registry was expanded to all centers.
  - Beginning in 2026, centers will contribute data and leverage the Registry to advance research and support future publications.

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A stronger national dataset will accelerate discoveries and improve understanding of these complex diseases.



Improving Clinical Best Practices

Multidisciplinary working groups made significant progress in defining best practices, improving care, and increasing access to care.

- **Health Equity & Access:** Focused on reducing disparities and improving care for underserved populations.
- **Microbiology:** Developing best practices for diagnostic testing and infection management.
- **Site Standards:** Established a framework for high-quality, multidisciplinary care teams.
- **CFTR Research:** Advancing consensus guidance on genetic testing in people with bronchiectasis.

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These efforts are standardizing care nationwide and helping clinicians deliver more effective, evidence-based treatment.

Investing in Education and Patient Support

- A national education survey identified critical gaps in patient understanding, particularly around follow-up care, airway clearance techniques, and nutrition and mental health support.
- New resources include animated educational videos, expanded written and digital resources, and free educational materials for patients and caregivers.

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Patients have access to improved tools, enhancing their ability to manage their condition more effectively.

Raising Global Awareness

- The 2025 World Bronchiectasis Day campaign reached more than 223 million people worldwide.
- Awareness efforts focus on empowering people through education, advocacy, and global collaboration.

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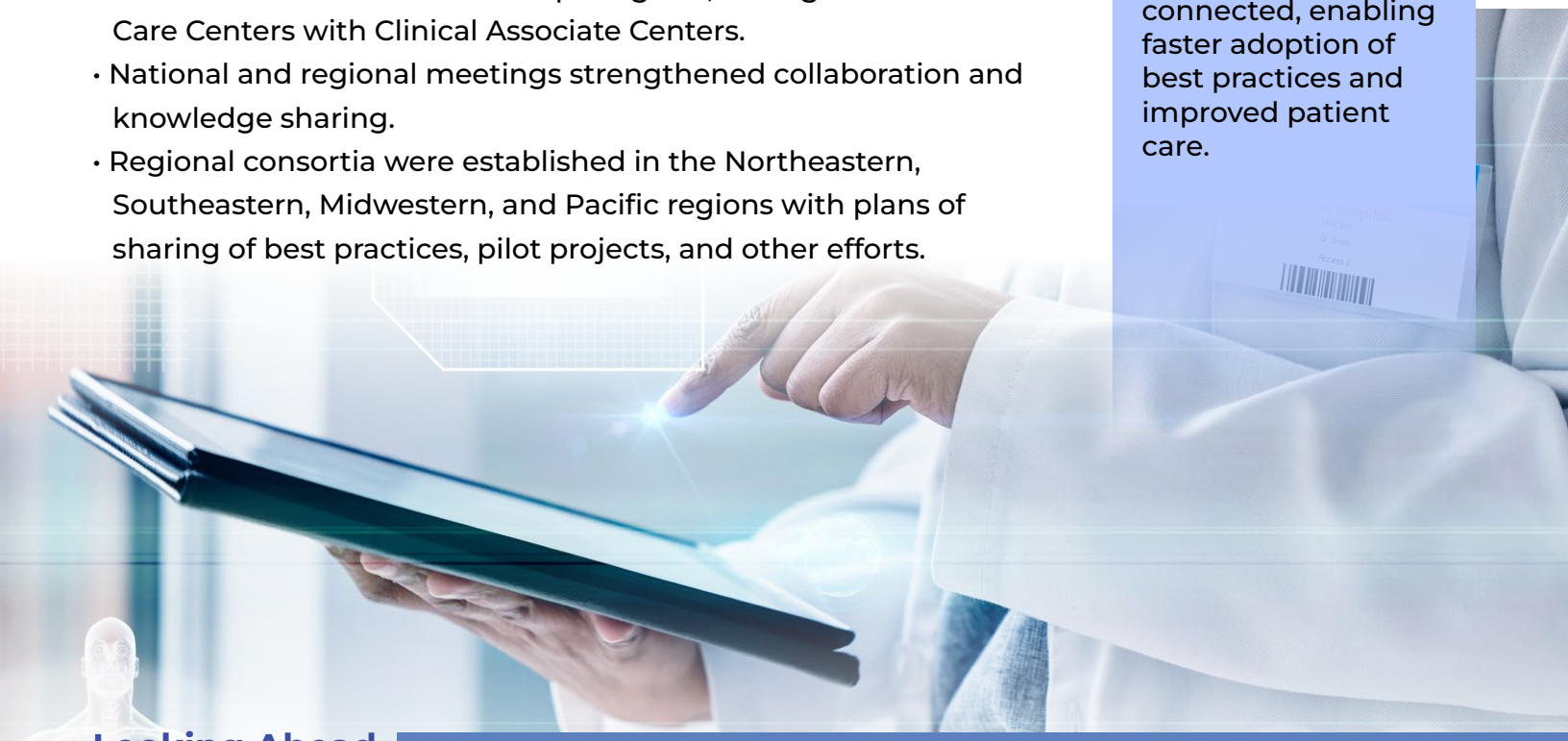
Increased awareness is helping drive earlier diagnosis, better care, and stronger global engagement.

Building a Connected Network

- The CCN launched a Partnership Program, linking established Care Centers with Clinical Associate Centers.
- National and regional meetings strengthened collaboration and knowledge sharing.
- Regional consortia were established in the Northeastern, Southeastern, Midwestern, and Pacific regions with plans of sharing of best practices, pilot projects, and other efforts.

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Centers are better connected, enabling faster adoption of best practices and improved patient care.



Looking Ahead

Additional funds secured for the CCN will enable us to continue focusing on the areas outlined below.

Expanding Access to Care by exploring virtual care models to reach rural and underserved communities, and growing the CCN to more than 100 centers nationwide with representation in every state.

Driving Innovation in Care Delivery through development of clinical consensus statements, a practical Pocket Consultant Guide for providers, and a mobile app for patients and clinicians.

Supporting Research and Clinical Trials with the establishment of a national Clinical Trials Network and expanded capabilities to run studies from beginning to end.

Strengthening the Next Generation of Experts with the launch of a Bronchiectasis and NTM Training Pathway Program to support fellowship education.

Enhancing Patient Education and Awareness through new accessible, patient friendly resources with a focus on self-management tools and improving health literacy.

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