

Laboratory Identification of Emerging Pathogenic Molds

A Basic Course



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May 17–19, 2016

LOCATION

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA.

APPLICATION & REGISTRATION

- **Application Deadline: January 25, 2016**
- The preliminary application must be completed [online](#) prior to the deadline date.
- Only completed applications received by the deadline will be considered. Application does not guarantee acceptance.
- Students will be selected according to the degree to which the applicant's job description, experience, and responsibilities are consistent with the prerequisites.
- If you are unable to complete the application online, notify NLTN at 240.485.2784 or [email](#) Absala Mengestab.
- All travel expenses, including transportation, lodging and food are the responsibility of the participant.
- **Notification of acceptance status and registration details will be sent via email after February 5, 2016.**
- **Registration Fee: This workshop is offered FREE of charge.**

DESCRIPTION

This basic-level, hands-on workshop on the identification of medically important molds includes both lectures and laboratory components. This workshop will cover a range of organisms commonly isolated from superficial, subcutaneous, and systemic infections of humans as well as a number of common laboratory contaminants. These organisms will include arthrospore-forming molds, aleuriosporic molds, common dermatophytes, a range of common molds that form enteroblastic and holoblastic conidia, and a range of mucoraceous molds. Methods for in-vitro susceptibility testing will also be discussed.

AUDIENCE

This basic-level workshop is intended for persons who are not experienced in the identification of medically important molds. These persons may include public health laboratorians, clinical laboratory microbiologists, medical technologists, infectious disease physicians, and pathologists.

OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Explain the classification and identification of molds based upon their macroscopic and microscopic characteristics.
- Identify the following fungi, based on macroscopic and microscopic examination: *Coccidioides* species, *Blastomyces dermatitidis*, *Histoplasma capsulatum*, and similar aleriosporic molds.
- Common dermatophytes.
- A range of common molds that form enteroblastic conidia, including *Aspergillus*, *Exophiala*, *Fusarium*, *Penicillium*, *Phialophora*, and *Scedosporium* spp.
- A range of common molds that form holoblastic conidia, including *Bipolaris*, *Claophialophora*, *Curvularia*, and *Sporothrix* spp.
- A range of mucoraceous molds, including *Rhizopus* and *Mucor* spp.
- Understand the basics of setting up a diagnostic mycology laboratory, including media requirements, acceptable specimens, and result reporting.

QUESTIONS?

Please [email](#) Absala Mengestab.

AGENDA *We reserve the right to change the agenda times.*

Day 1 **Tuesday, May 17, 2016**

- 8:00 a.m. Welcome and Course Overview
- 8:10 Safety in the Training Laboratory
- 8:20 Pre-Test
- 8:30 **Lecture:** Introduction to Mold Identification
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 **Lecture:** Arthrosporic and Aleurioporic Molds
- 11:30 Lunch (on your own at a CDC cafeteria)
- 12:30 p.m. **Laboratory:** Arthrosporic and Aleurioporic Molds
- Simultaneous Practical Instruction: Setting Up Slide Cultures
- 2:00 Break
- 2:15 **Lecture:** Molds with Enteroblastic Conidia I (Aspergillus, Penicillium)
- 3:30 **Laboratory:** Molds with Enteroblastic Conidia I (Aspergillus, Penicillium)
- 5:00 Adjourn

Day 2 **Wednesday, May 18, 2016**

- 8:00 a.m. **Lecture:** Molds with Enteroblastic Conidia II (Fusarium, Scedosporium, Phialophora)
- 9:15 Break
- 9:30 **Laboratory:** Molds with Enteroblastic Conidia II (Fusarium, Scedosporium, Phialophora)
- 11:00 **Lecture:** Molds with Holoblastic Conidia
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (on your own at a CDC cafeteria)
- 1:00 **Laboratory:** Molds with Holoblastic Conidia
- 2:00 Break
- 2:15 **Lecture:** Mucormycetes and Miscellaneous Molds
- 3:45 **Laboratory:** Mucormycetes and Miscellaneous Molds
- 5:00 Adjourn

Day 3 **Thursday, May 19, 2016**

- 8:00 a.m. **Lecture:** Setting up a Clinical Mycology Laboratory
- 9:30 Break
- 9:45 **Lecture:** Antifungal Susceptibility Testing
- 10:45 **Lecture:** Case Histories
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (on your own at a CDC cafeteria)
- 1:00 **Laboratory:** Unknowns
- 3:00 **Lecture:** Review Unknowns, Final Question and Answer
- 3:30 Post-Test and Evaluation
- 4:00 Adjourn

FACULTY

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SECURITY CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

NON-US CITIZENS — This course will be held at the training laboratory on the CDC Roybal campus. Due to CDC requirements for security clearance, all non-US citizens will be asked to provide information needed to obtain clearance. Detailed instructions will be provided upon acceptance into the course. Please do not make any nonrefundable travel plans until you have received confirmation of acceptance into the course and security clearance approval. The information you provide will only be used for the purposes of attending this course.

US CITIZENS - If you are a US citizen, there is no extra clearance process required.

SPECIAL NEEDS

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals seeking special accommodations should submit their request in writing to [APHL Customer Support](#) or phone 240.485.2746. Please allow at least three weeks prior to start date of the workshop for APHL to make arrangements.

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