

The Challenge of Tuberculosis in Inflammatory Ocular Diseases

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Approximately two billion people are infected worldwide with *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (TB), and 10% of these people will have clinical tuberculosis. Among patients with systemic tuberculosis, the rate of ocular involvement has been reported to be between 1 and 20%. Uveitis results from hypersensitivity reactions and/or hematogenous intraocular spread of organisms. The latter has been recently confirmed in novel animal model. Diagnostic criteria for ocular TB will be reviewed, including the benefit of interferon gamma testing relative to classic skin testing. Current treatment recommendations will be reviewed.