

# Clinical Perspectives on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis

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**The Appointment: Patient Perspective**

- Wait time
  - 2-3 months
- Travel to IPF center
  - Up to 11-hour drive
  - Most too sick or hypoxic to fly
  - Park and walk into office or medical center
- Time for testing and appointment
  - Pulmonary function test, 6-minute walk test
  - Plan to spend the day
- Anxiety and fear
  - Uncertain expectations for the plan of the day
  - Uncertain expectations of prognosis and recommendations

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Causes of an Interstitial Radiologic Pattern	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Infections<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Fungal (pneumocystis, coccidio, crypto, histo)</li><li>– Atypical bacteria</li><li>– Viral</li></ul></li><li>• Occupational / Environmental toxins<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Hypersensitivity pneumonitis</li><li>– Asbestos</li><li>– Silica</li><li>– beryllium</li></ul></li><li>• Drug induced<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– www.pneumotox.com</li></ul></li><li>• Radiation induced</li><li>• Malignancy<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Lymphangitic carcinomatosis</li><li>– BAC</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Connective tissue disease / autoimmune<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– RA</li><li>– Scleroderma</li><li>– PM/DM</li><li>– Mixed connective tissue disease</li><li>– SLE</li><li>– Sjogren's</li><li>– Inflammatory bowel disease</li></ul></li><li>• Vasculitis<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– MPA</li></ul></li><li>• Idiopathic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– IIP</li><li>– COP</li><li>– Sarcoidosis</li><li>– LAM / LCH / TS / DKC</li><li>– Genetic</li></ul></li></ul>

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Most Challenging Mimickers of IPF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fibrosing nonspecific interstitial pneumonitis</li><li>• Chronic hypersensitivity pneumonitis</li><li>• Connective tissue disease ILD</li></ul>

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History
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Obtain a complete history!<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Environmental exposures</li><li>– Work history</li><li>– Animal exposures / Organic exposures</li><li>– Medications / Substance use</li><li>– GERD / dysphagia / aspiration</li><li>– Sleep history</li><li>– Full review of symptoms<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thorough rheumatologic review of symptoms</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>

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### Environmental History

- Jobs?
  - Protective gear?
- Spouse's jobs?
- Pets?
- Hot tubs / humidifiers / AC?
- Water damage / standing water?

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### Smoking Association

- Smokers
  - Pulmonary LCH
  - DIP / RBILD
  - IPF
- Never smokers
  - HP
  - Sarcoidosis

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### Symptoms/Signs

- Hemoptysis
  - DAH
  - LAM
  - TS
  - PVOD / PCH
  - Mitral valve disease
  - Granulomatous vasculitis
- Wheezing
  - Chronic eosinophilic pneumonia
  - Bronchiolitis
  - Lymphangitic carcinomatosis
- Chest pain
  - Pleurisy – connective tissue disease
  - Substernal discomfort – sarcoidosis
- Extrapulmonary
  - Connective tissue disease
  - Inflammatory bowel disease
- Pneumothorax
  - Pulmonary LCH / TS
  - LAM
  - Neurofibromatosis

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Assess for Comorbidities of IPF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gastroesophageal reflux disease</li><li>• Obstructive sleep apnea</li><li>• Pulmonary arterial hypertension</li><li>• Cardiac disease</li></ul>

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Physical Exam
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Velcro crackles</li><li>• RV lift / augmented P2 / right-sided gallop</li><li>• Extra pulmonary signs</li><li>• Signs of autoimmune disease</li><li>• Clubbing</li></ul>

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Laboratory
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hepatic function<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Cirrhosis?</li></ul></li><li>• Renal function<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Connective tissue disease? Vasculitis?</li></ul></li><li>• Bone marrow function<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- MDS? DKC?</li></ul></li><li>• UA<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Vasculitis?</li></ul></li><li>• Cardiac<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- ECG, echo, BNP</li></ul></li><li>• Serologies<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- ANA, RF, anti-ccp, anti scl 70, CPK, anti Jo, anti ds-DNA, anti-extractable nuclear ag (anti-Sm, Anti-ribonucleoprotein), ANCA</li></ul></li><li>• Pulmonary Function Tests<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Spirometry, lung volumes, DLCO</li></ul></li></ul>

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### Pulmonary Function Testing

- Restriction
- Reduction in diffusing capacity
- May see preserved lung volumes when emphysema is present

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### Walk Studies

- Assist with determination of oxygen needs and disease progression
  - 6-minute walk study
    - Desats to 88% or less is correlated with a median survival of 3.21 years
  - Exertional walk study

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### High-resolution Computed Tomography Criteria for UIP Pattern

UIP Pattern (All Four Features)	Possible UIP Pattern (All Three Features)	Inconsistent with UIP Pattern (any of the Seven Features)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Subpleural, basal predominance</li> <li>■ Reticular abnormality</li> <li>■ Honeycombing with or without traction bronchiectasis</li> <li>■ Absence of features listed as inconsistent with UIP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Subpleural, basal predominance</li> <li>■ Reticular abnormality</li> <li>■ Absence of features listed as inconsistent with UIP pattern (see third column)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Upper or mid-lung predominance</li> <li>■ Peribronchovascular predominance</li> <li>■ Extensive ground glass abnormality (extent &gt;reticular abnormality)</li> <li>■ Profuse micronodules (bilateral, predominantly upper lobes)</li> <li>■ Discrete cysts (multiple, bilateral, away from areas of honeycombing)</li> <li>■ Diffuse mosaic attenuation / air-trapping (bilateral in three or more lobes)</li> <li>■ Consolidation in bronchopulmonary segment(s) / lobe(s)</li> </ul>

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**Difficult Discussions**

- 2 new FDA approved drugs
- Limited clinical trials
  - Some with a placebo group / some with background therapy
- Supportive care
  - Oxygen
  - Vaccinations
  - Treat Comorbidities
    - Diagnose and treat obstructive sleep apnea
    - Diagnose and treat gastroesophageal reflux
    - Consider treatment of PAH
  - Pulmonary rehab
    - Must have moderate restriction and reduction in DLCO to meet insurance criteria
    - Few programs
    - Under reimbursed
  - Maximize treatment of other causes of shortness of breath
    - Cardiac disease
    - Anemia

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**Difficult Discussions: Oxygen**

- Visual reminder of patient's disease and weakness
- Complicates daily activities
- Durable medical company (DME) limitations
  - Cheaper cumbersome rolling tanks
  - Access to high flow regulators is limited
  - Supply of oxygen may be limited due to limited reimbursement
- Difficult to adjust oxygen from another room
- Complicates travel and limits flights
- DMEs have limited knowledge of the difference in IPF / ILD patients O2 needs versus those of emphysema patients

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**Difficult Discussions**

- Lung transplantation
  - Generally up to age 65
  - No other major organ disease
  - Timing of transplant listing
- Palliative care / hospice
  - Symptom management
  - Home needs and family support
  - Home nursing support

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**Difficult Discussions for Patients**

- Do I tell my family?
  - “I don’t want them to worry.”
- How do I tell my family?
- How do I explain this disease to my family?
- I don’t want to be treated like an invalid.
- How do I discuss end of life decisions with my wife and children?
- How do I create a will and a living will?

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**Classification of ILDs**

- Etiology
  - Infection
  - Occupational / environmental exposures
  - Drug induced
  - Radiation induced
  - Connective tissue disease / vasculitis
  - Idiopathic
  - Malignancy
- Timing of presentation
  - Acute
  - Subacute
  - Chronic
- Pattern of Infiltrates
- Age at presentation

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**Diagnostic Considerations**

- Younger (20-50 yo)
  - Sarcoidosis
  - Connective tissue disease
  - LAM
  - Pulmonary LCH
  - Familial IPF
  - Hermansky Pudlak
  - Gaucher’s
- Gender
  - Female
    - Premenopausal
      - LAM
      - Tuberosus sclerosis
    - Connective tissue disease
      - RAILD is more common in men
  - Male
    - Pneumoconiosis

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## A Phase 3 Trial of Pirfenidone in Patients with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis

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**BACKGROUND**  
In two of three phase 3 trials, pirfenidone, an oral antifibrotic therapy, reduced disease progression, as measured by the decline in forced vital capacity (FVC) or vital capacity, in patients with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. In the third trial, this end point was not achieved. We sought to confirm the beneficial effect of pirfenidone on disease progression in such patients.

**DESIGN**  
In this phase 3 study, we randomly assigned 555 patients with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis to receive either oral pirfenidone (2400 mg per day) or placebo for 52 weeks. The primary end point was the change in FVC or death at week 52. Secondary end points were the 6-minute walk distance, progression-free survival, dyspnea, and death from any cause or from idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

**RESULTS**  
In the pirfenidone group, as compared with the placebo group, there was a relative reduction of 45% in the proportion of patients who had an absolute decline of 20 percentage points or more in the percentage of the predicted FVC or who died; there was also a relative increase of 22.7% in the proportion of patients with an decline in FVC (P<0.001). Pirfenidone reduced the decline in the 6-minute walk distance (P=0.004) and improved progression-free survival (P=0.001). There was no significant between-group difference in dyspnea scores (P=0.16) or in rates of death from any cause (P=0.38) or from idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (P=0.25). However, in a prespecified pooled analysis incorporating results from two previous phase 3 trials, the between-group difference in rates of death from any cause was significant (P=0.02).

**CONCLUSIONS**  
Pirfenidone, as compared with placebo, reduced disease progression, as reflected by lung function, exercise tolerance, and progression-free survival, in patients with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. Treatment was associated with an acceptable side-effect profile and fewer deaths. (Funded by InterMune; ASCEND ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT01366209.)

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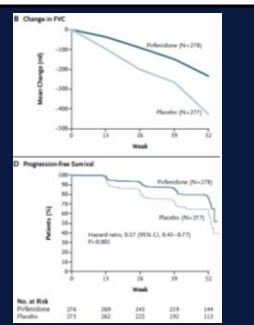
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### Key Inclusionary Criteria

<p><b>ASCEND (Pirfenidone)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis per ATS/ERS guidelines (adjudicated)</li> <li>• Symptoms &gt;12 months</li> <li>• Diagnosis 6-48 months</li> <li>• Age 40-80*</li> <li>• FVC 50%-90%</li> <li>• FEV1 / FVC ≥ 80%*</li> <li>• DLco 30%-90%*</li> <li>• 6MWT ≥ 150 meters</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">N=13 inclusion criteria</p>	<p><b>INPULSIS (Nintedanib)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis per ATS/ERS guidelines (adjudicated)</li> <li>• Diagnosis within 5 years*</li> <li>• Age ≥ 40</li> <li>• FVC ≥ 50%</li> <li>• DLCO 30-79%</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">N=7 inclusion criteria</p>
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\*=notable differences

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### Key Exclusionary Criteria

<p><b>ASCEND (Pirfenidone)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cigarette smoking within 3 months</li> <li>• Other known cause for ILD</li> <li>• Expected to receive LTx within a year</li> <li>• Significant, cardiac, liver, or kidney* disease</li> <li>• h/o asthma or COPD / +BD response</li> <li>• Con Meds             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Steroids, cytotoxic agents, and other agents with previous proposed use for IPF</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">N=26 exclusion criteria</p>	<p><b>INPULSIS (Nintedanib)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FEV1 / FVC &lt;70%*</li> <li>• Expected to receive LTx within a year</li> <li>• Bleeding risk*</li> <li>• Thrombotic risk*</li> <li>• Major surgery planned*</li> <li>• Significant cardiac or liver disease</li> <li>• Con Meds             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- cytotoxic agents, NAC*, prednisone &gt;15 mg/day*</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">N=19 exclusion criteria</p>
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### Current Phase 2 Trials for IPF Next-generation Therapy?

Trial	Target	N	Primary Endpoint
Co-trimoxazole (Ph 3)	Pneumocystis jirovecii	56	Change in FVC or respir. Hospitalization
FG-3019	Anti-CTGF	90	Change in FVC from baseline
Rituximab	CD-20	58	Titers of anti-HEp-2 autoantibodies
Simtuzumab	Anti-LOXL2	500	PFS
GC-1008	TGF-β	25	Safety, tolerability, PK
QAX576	Anti-IL-13	40	Safety, tolerability, FVC
Tralokinumab	Anti-IL-13	302	Change in FVC from baseline
STX-100	αvβ6	32	Adverse events
BMS-986020	LPA Receptor	300	Rate of change in FVC

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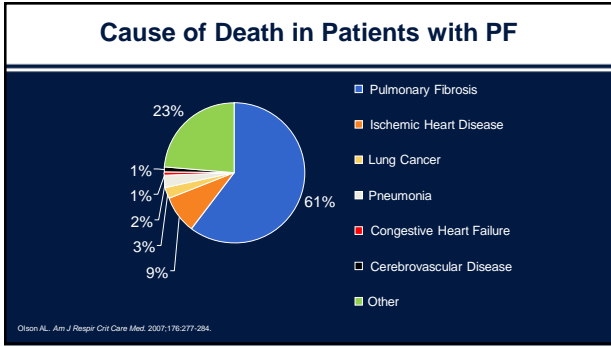
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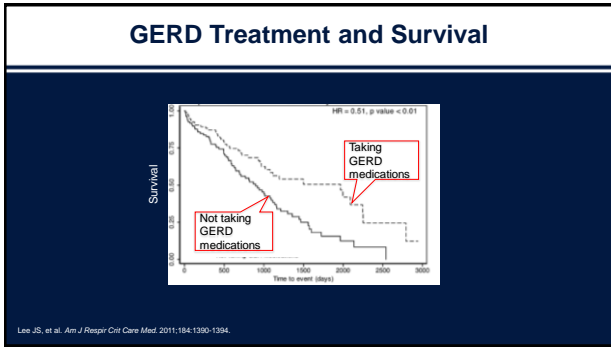
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- ### IPF Management Checklist
- Risk factor reduction
  - Patient education
    - Advocacy group involvement
  - Focus on comorbidities
    - Mental health needs
    - GERD, OSA, CAD, PH, VTE, etc.
  - Supplemental oxygen
  - Age-appropriate vaccinations
  - Discussion about available medical therapies
  - Pulmonary rehabilitation
  - Clinical trials
  - Lung transplant evaluation
  - Address end of life issues: palliative and hospice care

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