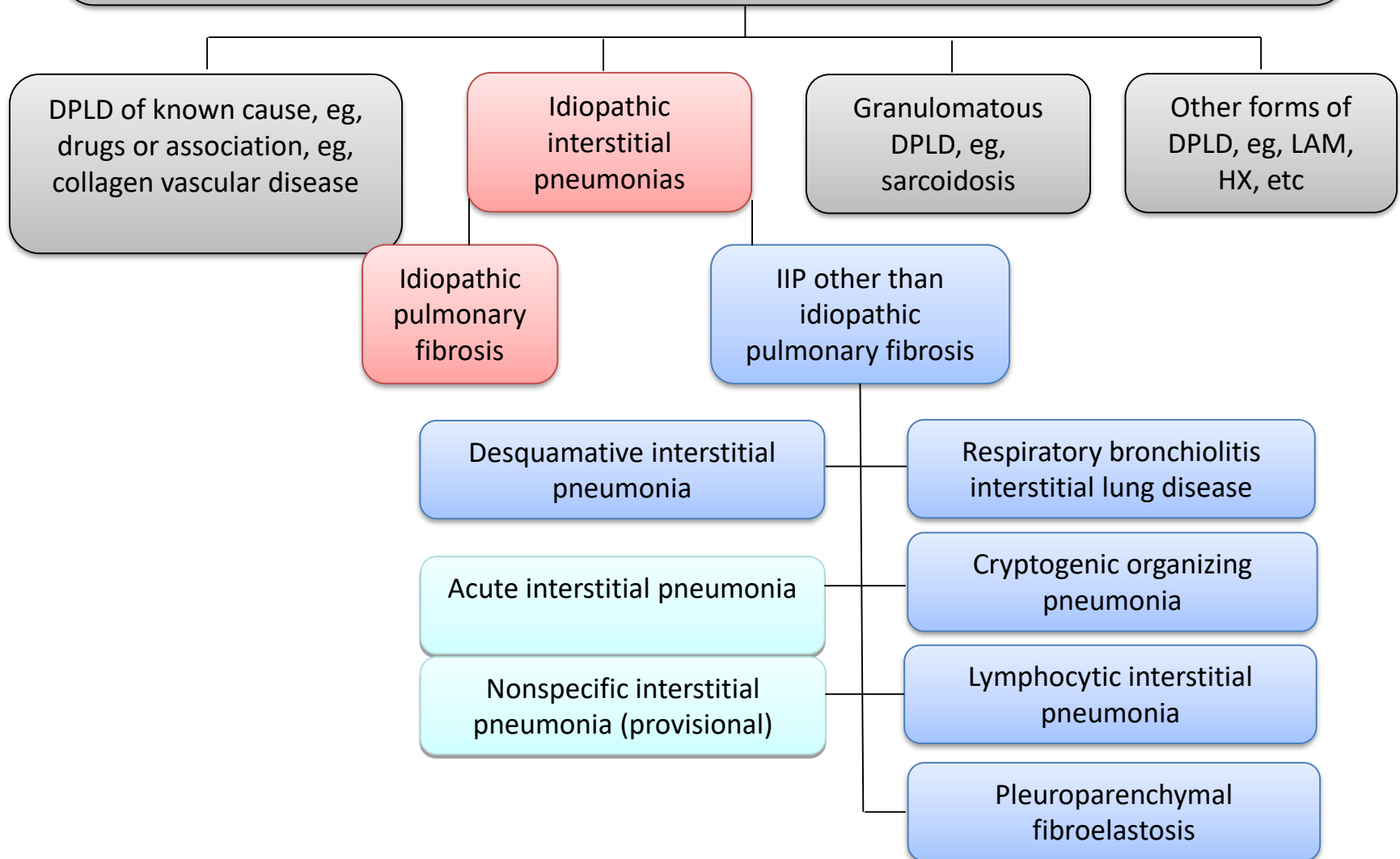


# Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis

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# Diffuse Parenchymal Lung Disease (DPLD)



# Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis

- Peripheral lobular fibrosis of unknown cause
- Clinical impact
  - Exertional dyspnea
  - Cough
  - Functional and exercise limitation
  - Impaired quality-of-life
  - Risk for acute respiratory failure and death
- Median survival time of 3-5 years
- Two new drugs approved by the FDA in October 2014
  - Nintedanib (Ofev)
  - Pirfenidone (Esbriet)

# Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis

## Definition

- IPF is defined as a specific form of chronic, progressive fibrosing interstitial pneumonia of unknown cause, occurring primarily in older adults, limited to the lungs, and associated with the histopathologic and/or radiologic pattern of UIP.
- The definition of IPF requires the exclusion of other forms of interstitial pneumonia including other idiopathic interstitial pneumonias and ILD associated with environmental exposure, medication, or systemic disease.

# Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis

- IPF should be considered in patients **over 50 years of age** with unexplained insidious- and subacute-onset **shortness of breath on exertion**.
- It commonly presents with dry cough and **bibasilar inspiratory Velcro crackles**.
- Finger **clubbing** may be present.
- Male gender and cigarette smoking are risk factors for IPF

# Epidemiology

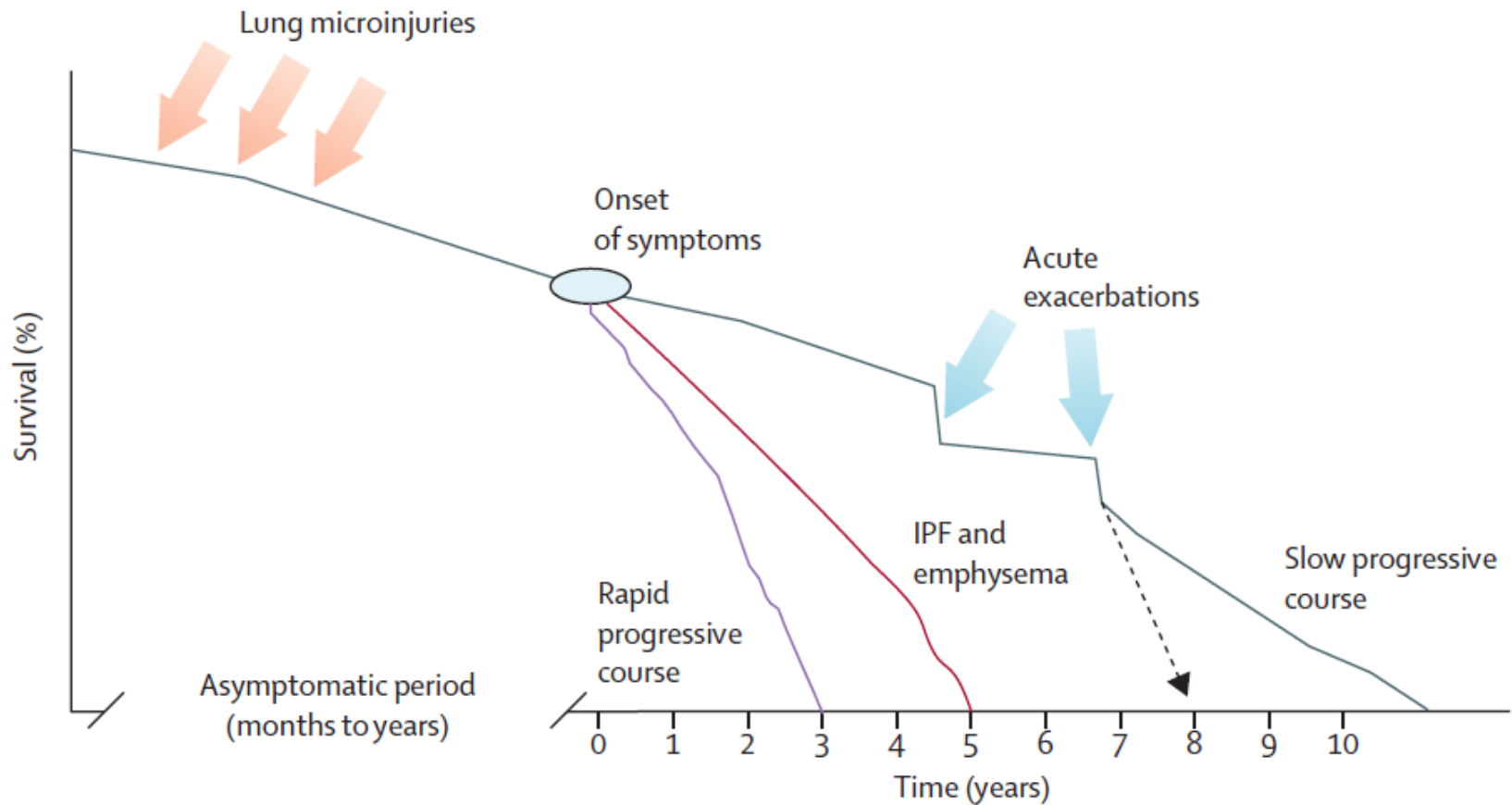
- Estimated prevalence of IPF is 14 to 43 cases per 100,000 people in the United states
- IPF is a disease of aging with a median age at diagnosis of 66
- IPF is more common in men
- Smoking is a risk factor for IPF
- A number of environmental associations have been identified, including metal dusts, wood dusts,stone/sand, and exposure to livestock

# Prognosis

- The prognosis of IPF is poor – patients have a median survival of 2 to 3 years from the time of diagnosis.

# The Disease Course of IPF is Extremely Variable

“No one is average.” – David Lederer, MD





# IPF Radiographic Findings

*IPF cannot be ruled out by a normal chest radiograph*

## Typical Findings

Reticular opacities at the bases and periphery

Reduced lung volume

Honeycombing

## Atypical Findings

Confluent alveolar opacities

Pleural disease

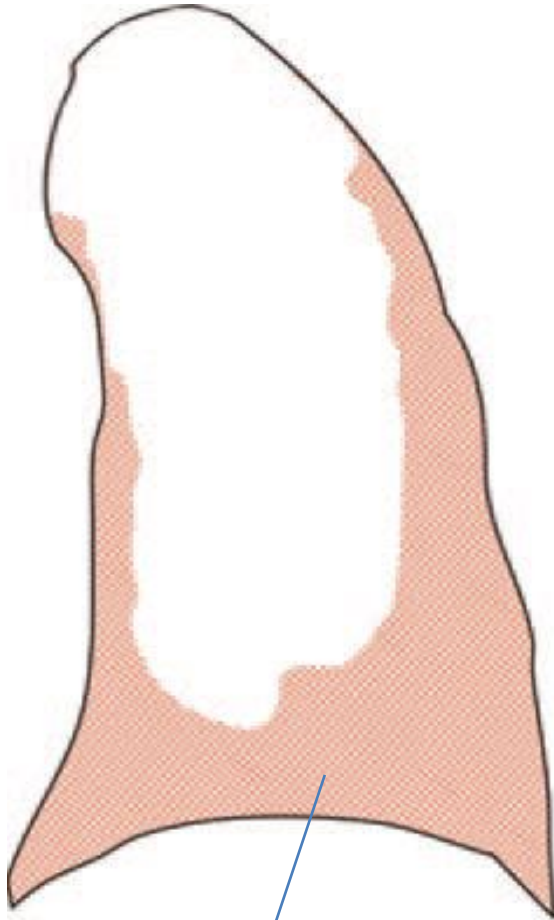
Significant lymphadenopathy

*16% of patients with ILD have normal chest radiographs*

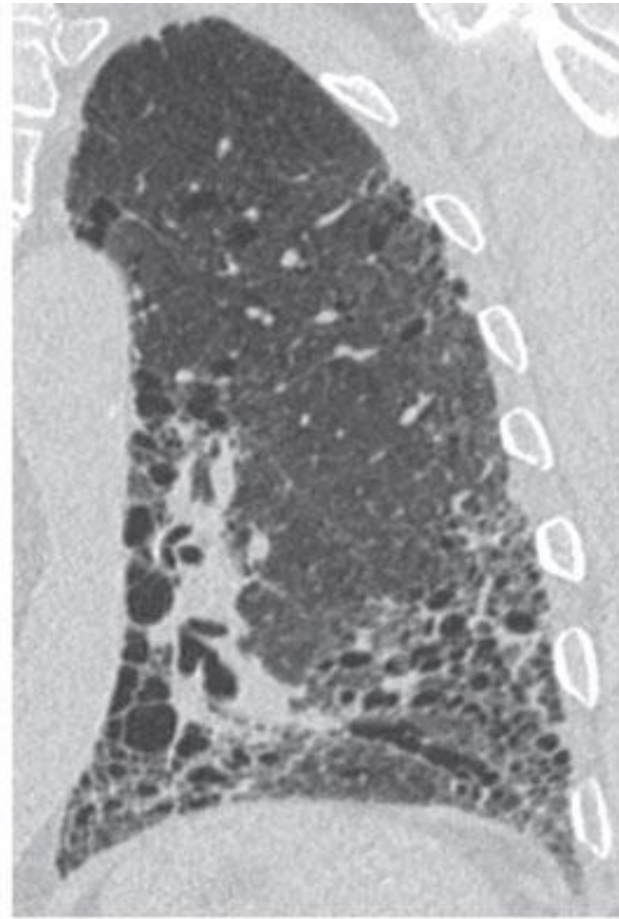
# HRCT Criteria for UIP

	UIP Pattern	Possible UIP Pattern
<u>Subpleural, basal</u> predominance	+	+
<u>Reticular</u> abnormality	+	+
<u>Honeycombing</u> (+/- traction bronchiectasis)	+	-
<u>Absence of “inconsistent”</u> features	+	+

## Distribution (a), CT image (b), and CT pattern (c) of UIP

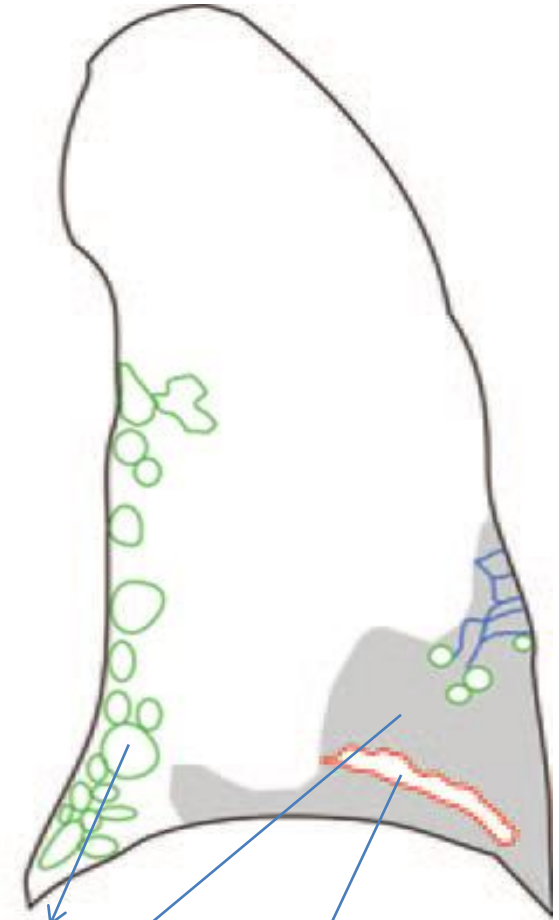


• The distribution is subpleural with an apicobasal gradient (red area in a)

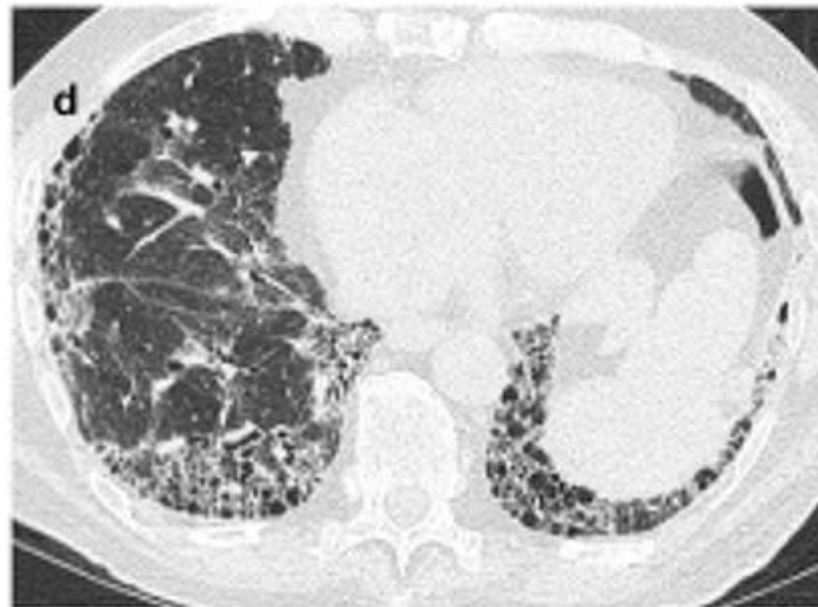
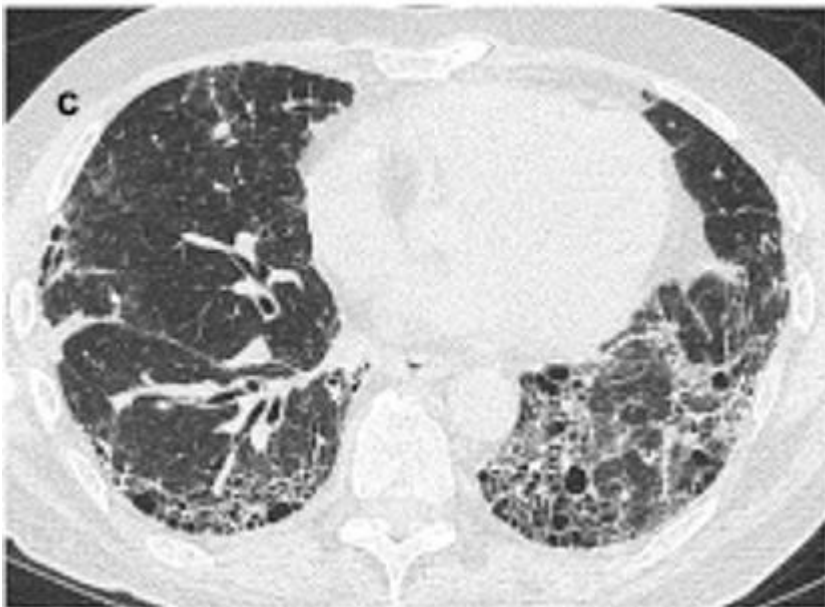
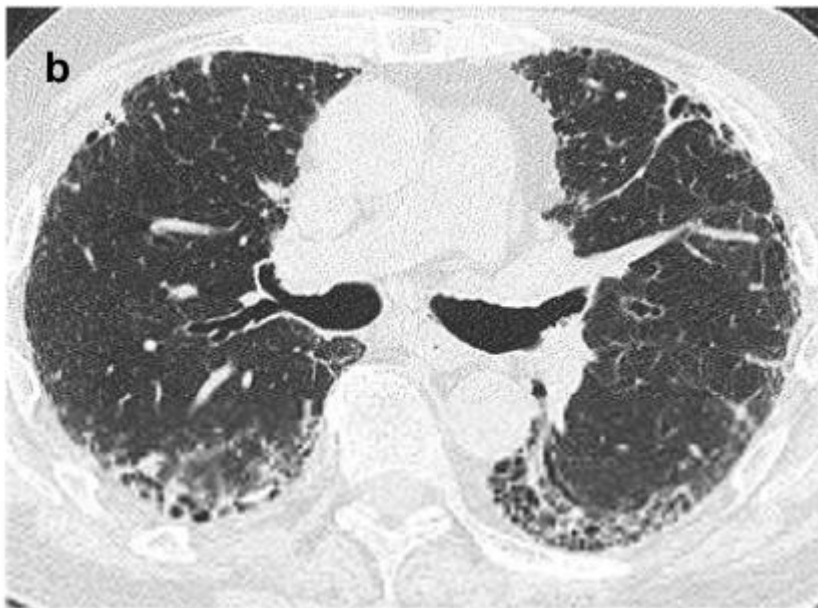
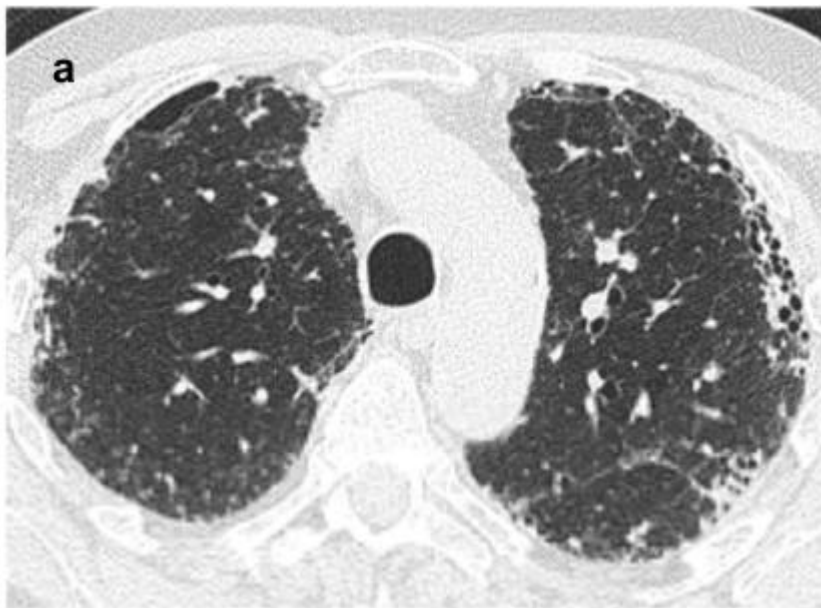


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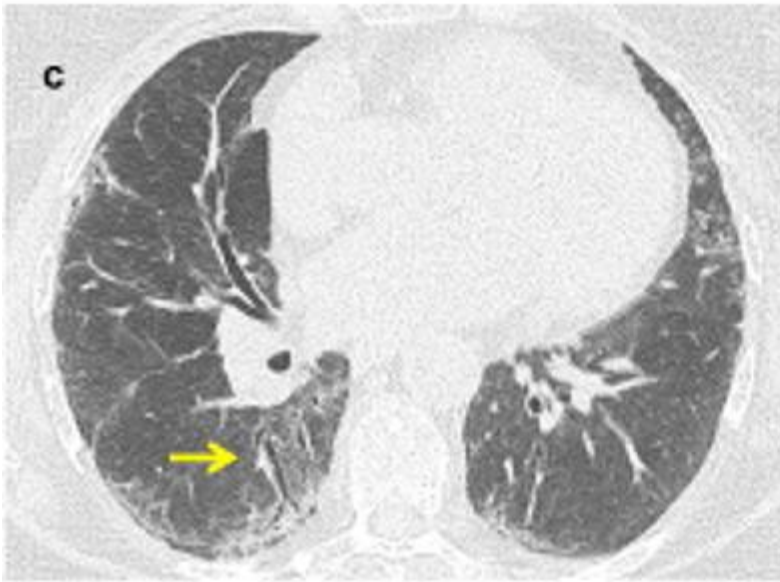
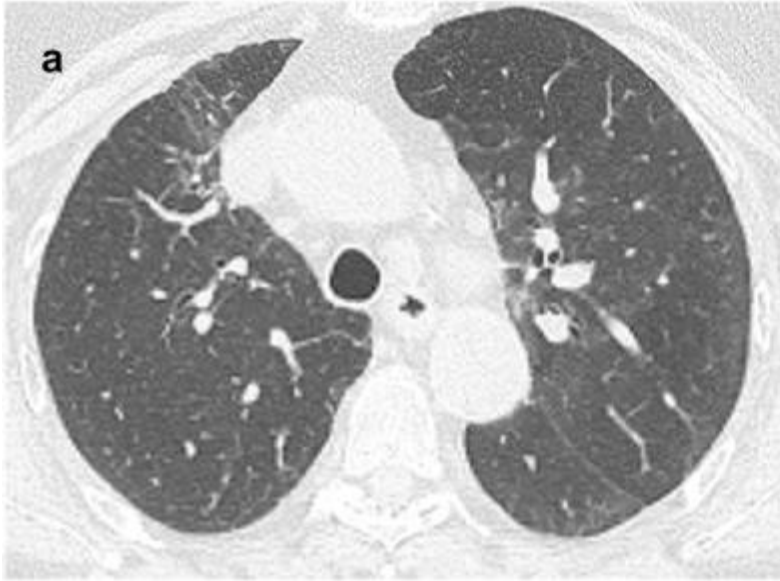
CT shows honeycombing (green areas in c), reticular opacities (blue areas in c), traction bronchiectasis (red area in c), and focal ground-glass opacity (gray area in c).



# UIP Pattern



# Possible UIP Pattern



traction  
bronchiectasis

# HRCT features *inconsistent* with IPF

## Inconsistent Features

Upper lobe predominant

Peribronchovascular predominance

Ground-glass > extent of reticular abnormality

Profuse micronodules

Discrete cysts

Diffuse mosaic attenuation/gas-trapping

Consolidation

# Histopathology

- Usual interstitial pneumonia (UIP) is characterized by a patchy, subpleural, and paraseptal pattern of involvement with areas of scarring alternating with uninvolved lung parenchyma.

The involved lung shows dense collagen with scattered foci of proliferating fibroblasts (called **fibroblastic foci**)

# Pathophysiology

- Current theory holds that the development of UIP is extremely complex and involves, among other features, epithelial cell injury and death, aberrant wound-healing including failure of myofibroblasts to undergo apoptosis, excessive extra-cellular matrix deposition, and failure of alveolar epithelial cells to normally repopulate denuded alveolar basement membrane.



# Pathophysiology

- several environmental factors might contribute to epithelial injury and apoptosis
  - Cigarette smoking
  - Chronic silent microaspiration
  - Chronic viral infection, mainly herpes
  - Inhaled dusts

# Treatment IPF

- lung transplantation in appropriate patients
- long-term oxygen therapy in patients with IPF and clinically significant resting hypoxemia
- pulmonary rehabilitation
- treatment of symptomatic gastroesophageal reflux
- Two new drugs approved by the FDA
  - Nintedanib (Ofev)
  - Pirfenidone (Esbriet)