



# Interstitial Lung Disease

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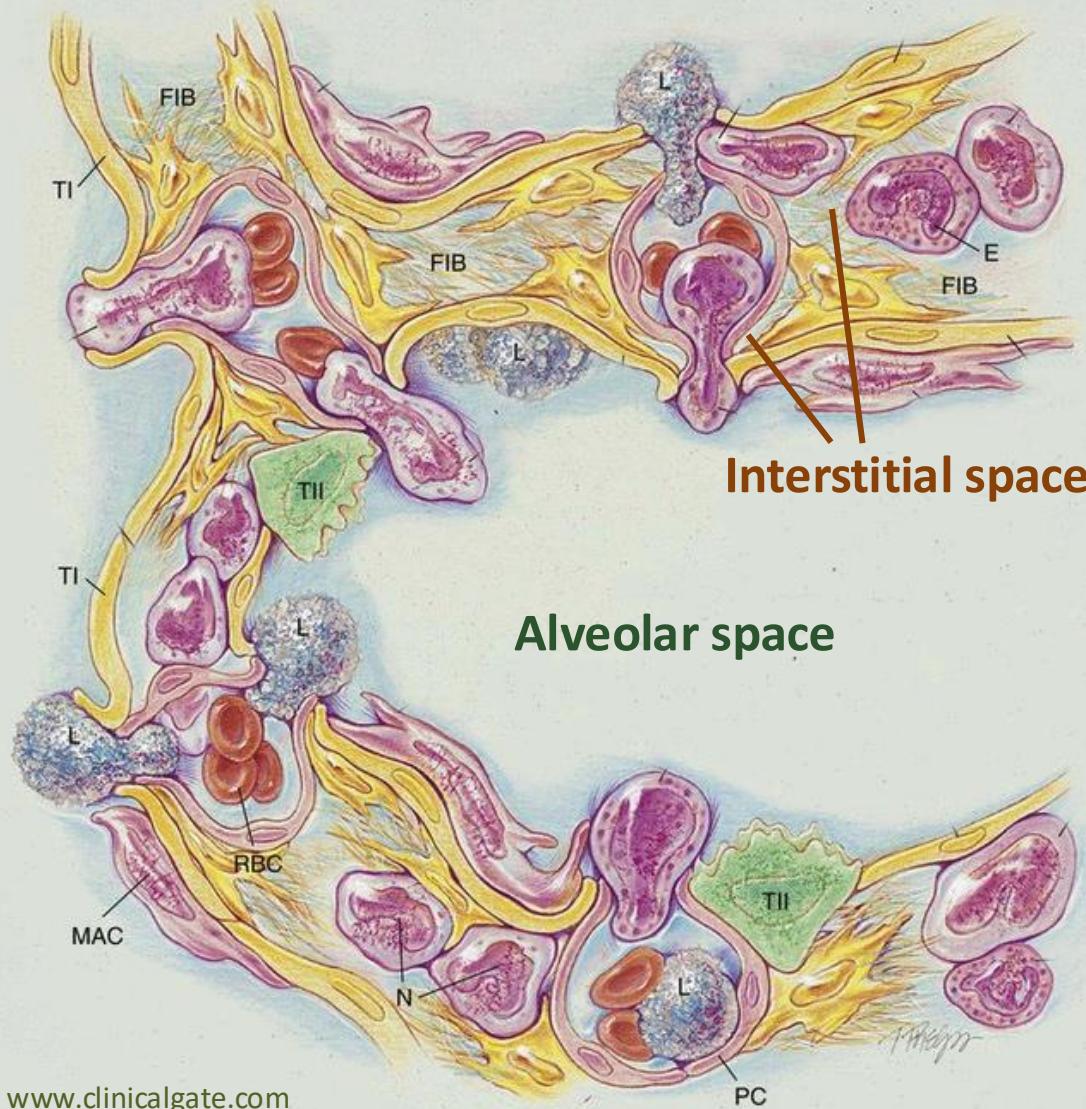
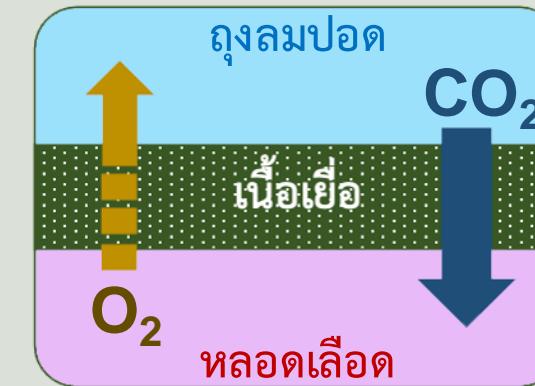
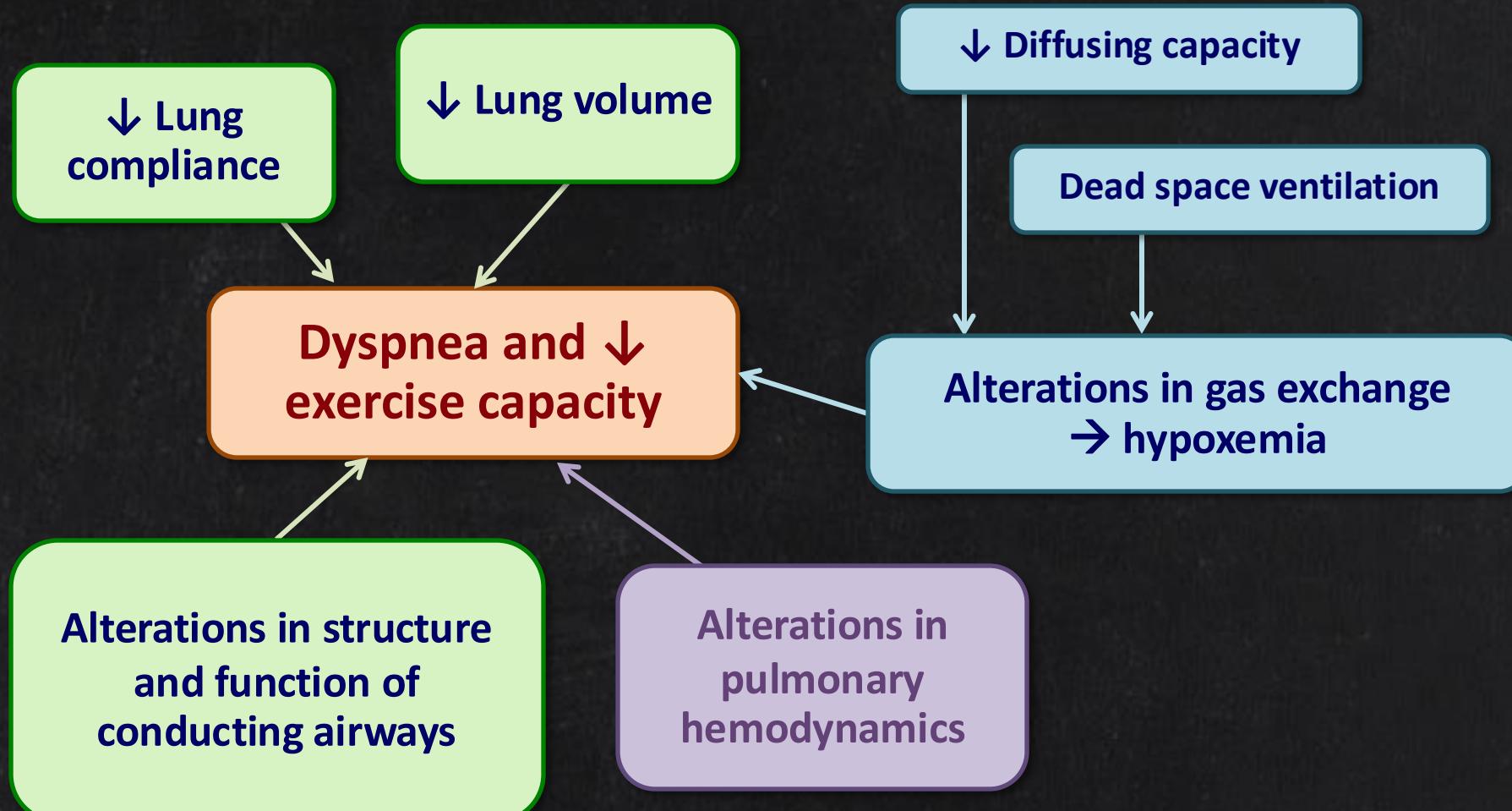


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ILD

IPF

COP

DIP

NSIP

RB-ILD

LAM

CSS

PLCH

LIP

PAP

AIP

WG

IIP

HP

CTD-ILD

PPFE

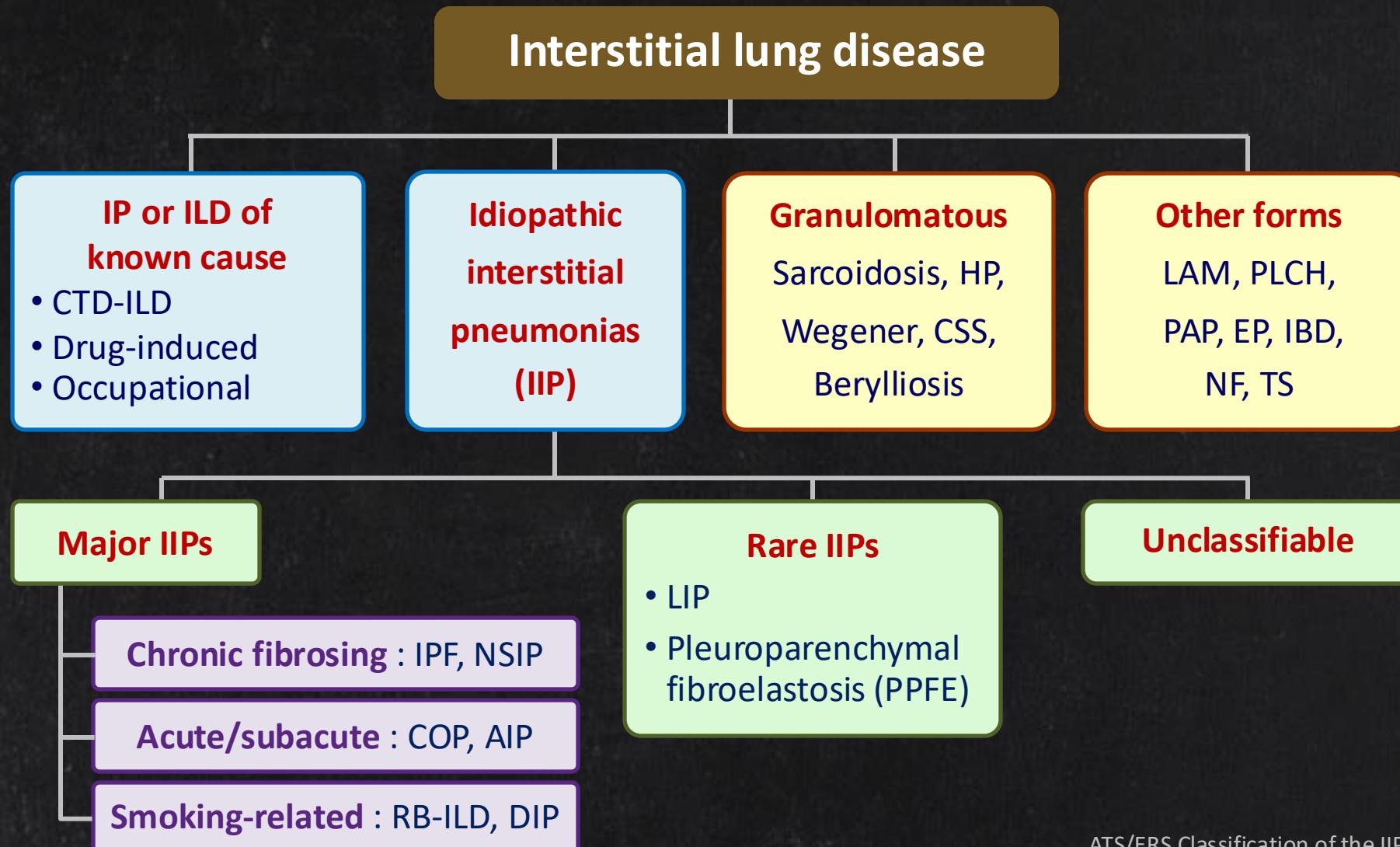
IPAF

DAH

AEP



# ILD classification





# Diagnostic approach

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## Suspicious of ILD

- Symptom and sign
- Chest X-ray
- Initial investigation

HRCT

## Multidisciplinary discussion (MDD)

Diagnosis

Yes

Diagnosis

No

Bronchoscopy

Yes

Bronchoscopy

No

SLB or TBCB

Yes

Diagnosis

No

MDD

No

Diagnosis

Yes

Diagnosis



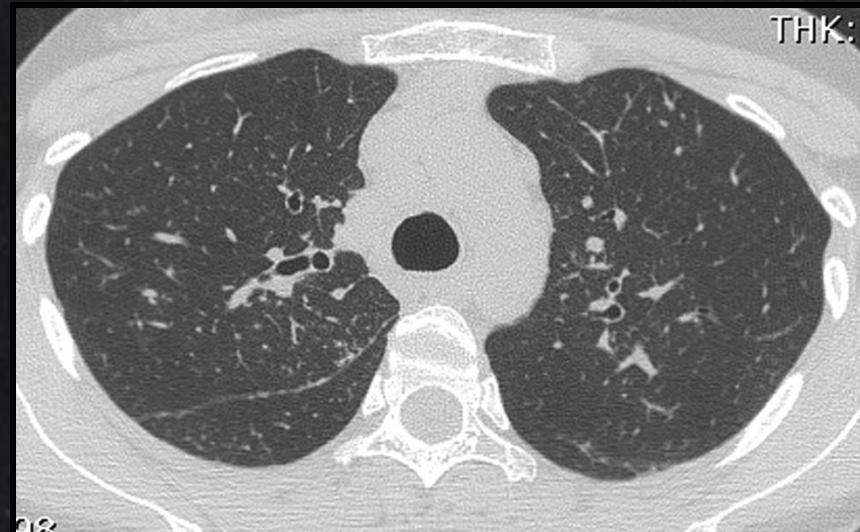
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CT chest



HRCT

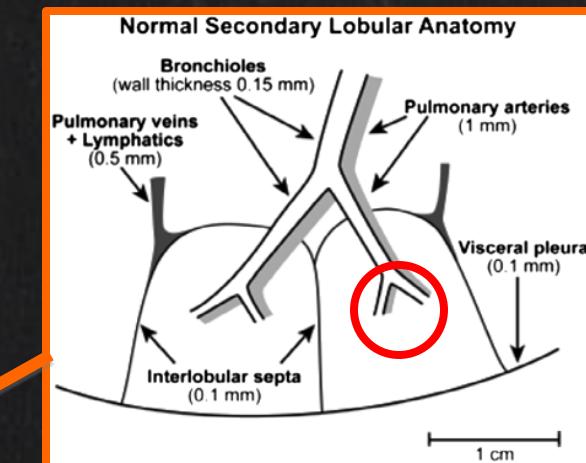
- Thin collimation → 1-1.5 mm.
- Indication :
  - Interstitial lung disease
  - Bronchiolitis
- Non contrast



# Secondary lobule

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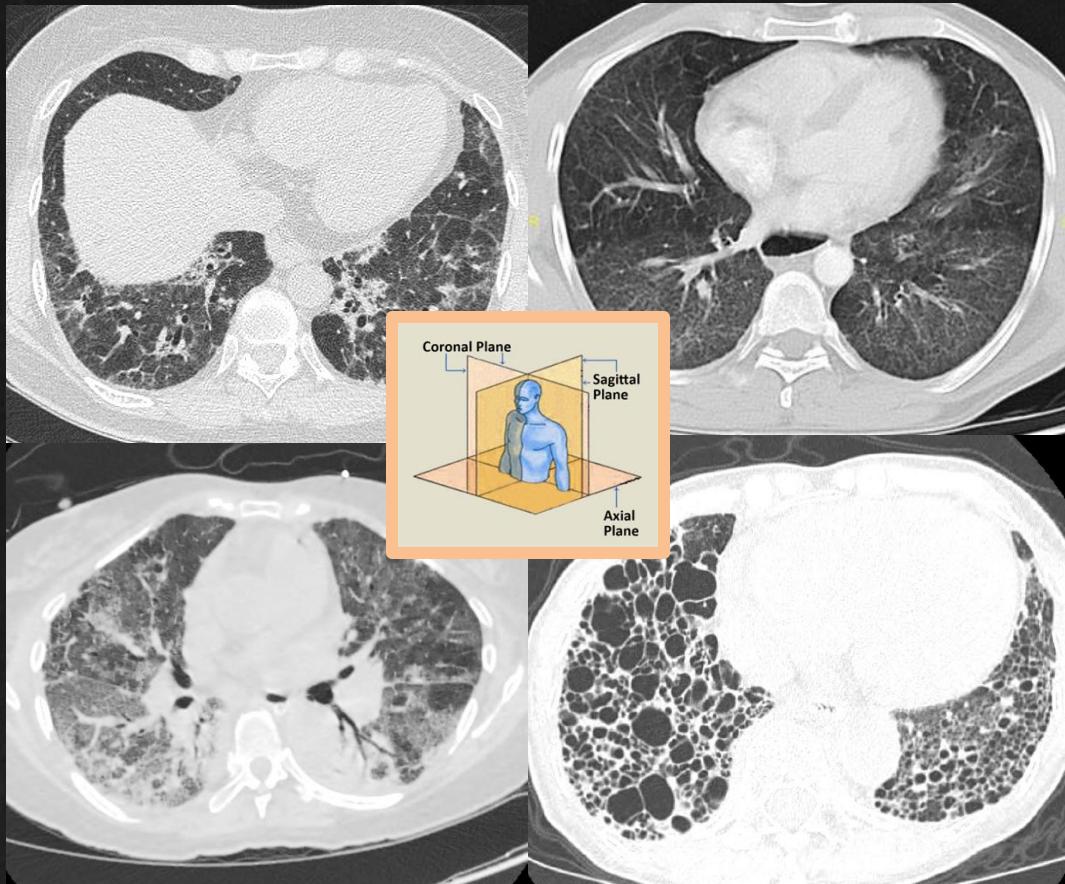




# HRCT

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## Abnormalities

- Interstitial / alveolar process
- Pattern
- Distribution

## Lung volume

## Associated finding

- Sign of PHT
- Pleural effusion
- Mediastinal lymph node
- Esophagus
- Subcutaneous emphysema

## Axial distribution



## Craniocaudal distribution



# HRCT findings

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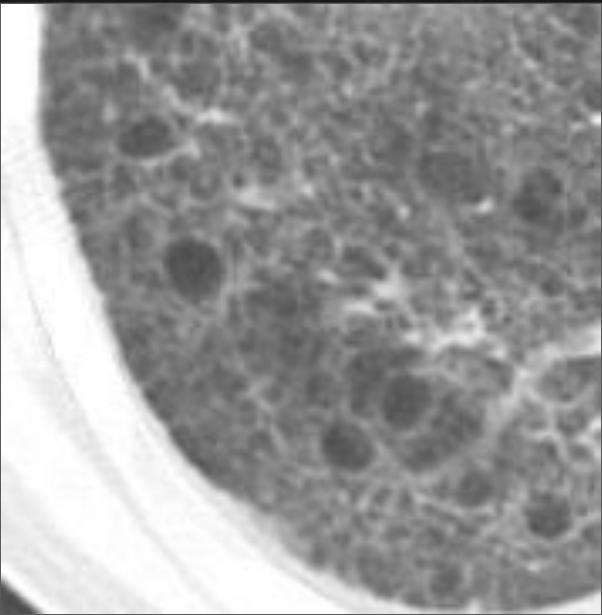
Micronodules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Centrilobular distribution</li><li>• Perilymphatic distribution</li><li>• Random distribution</li></ul>
Reticulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interlobular septal thickening</li><li>• Intralobular septal thickening</li></ul>
High attenuation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ground-glass opacity</li><li>• Consolidation</li><li>• Mosaic attenuation</li></ul>
Low attenuation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Honeycombing</li><li>• Traction bronchiectasis</li><li>• Cysts</li></ul>



# GGO vs consolidation

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Ground-glass opacity (GGO)



Consolidation



# Reticular lines

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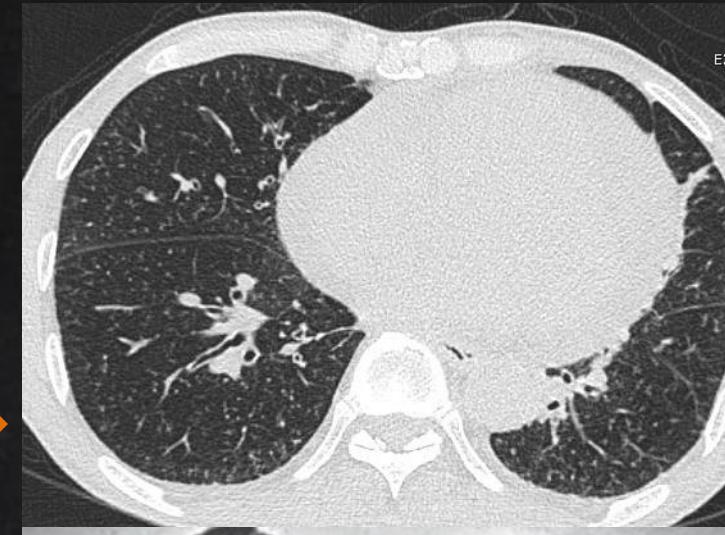
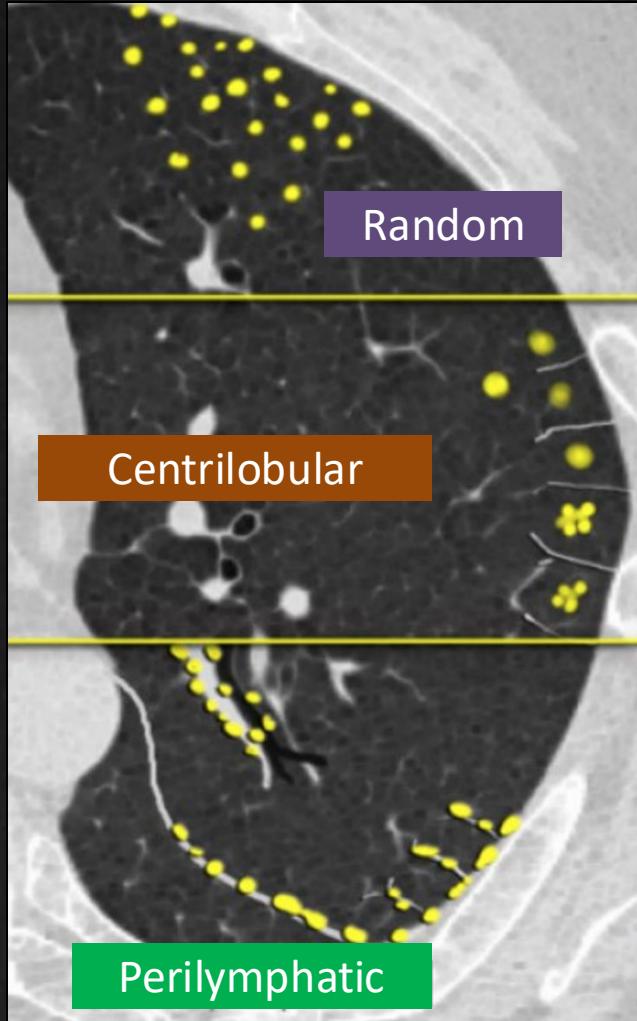
Interlobular septal thickening  
Intralobular septal thickening



# Nodular pattern

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- Infection  
(bacteria, virus, TB, NTM, fungus)
- Bronchiolitis of any causes
- Aspiration pneumonitis
- Vascular causes e.g. tumor micro-embolism, cholesterol granuloma
- Hypersensitivity pneumonitis

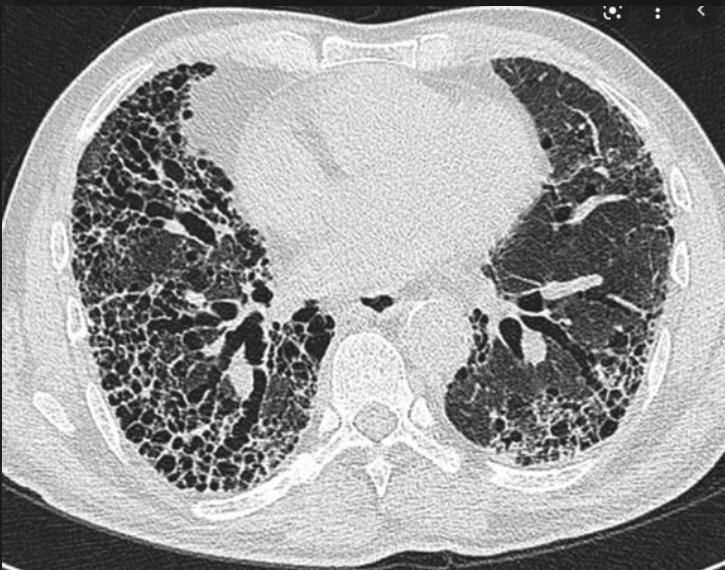
- Lymphangitis carcinomatosis
- Sarcoidosis
- Pneumoconiosis (silicosis, coal worker's, berylliosis)



# Traction bronchiectasis

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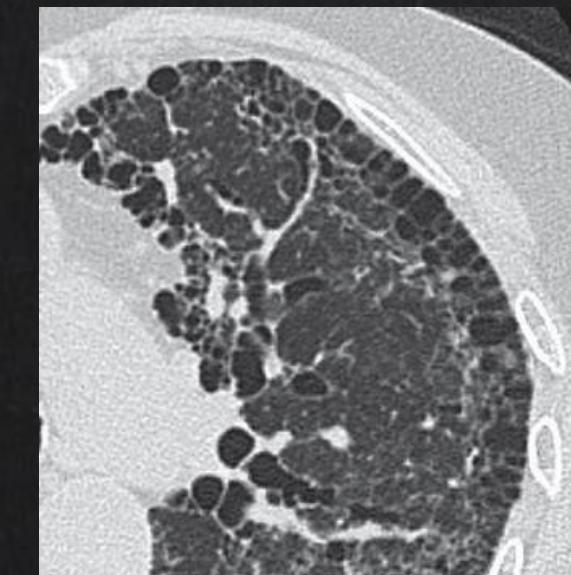
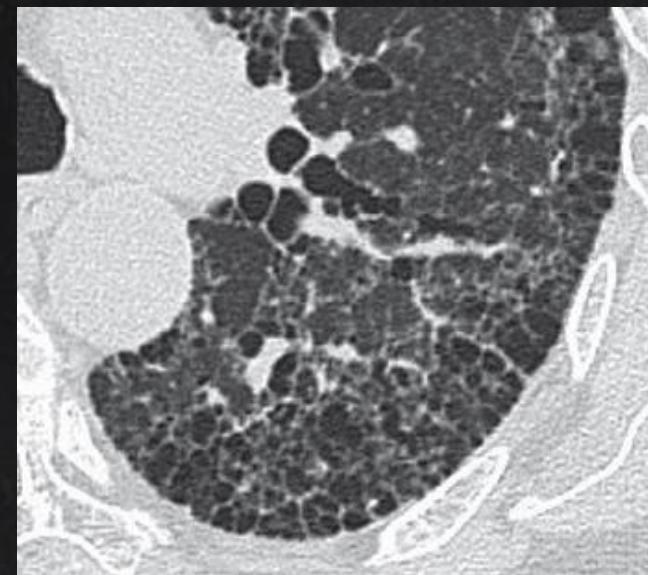
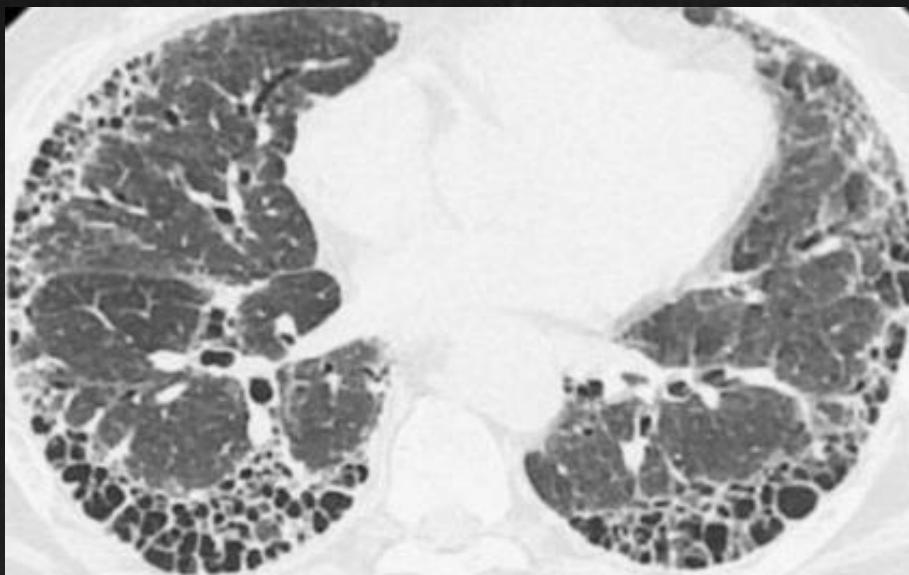
Dilatation of bronchi and bronchioles within areas of pulmonary fibrosis or distorted lung parenchymal architecture



# Honeycombing

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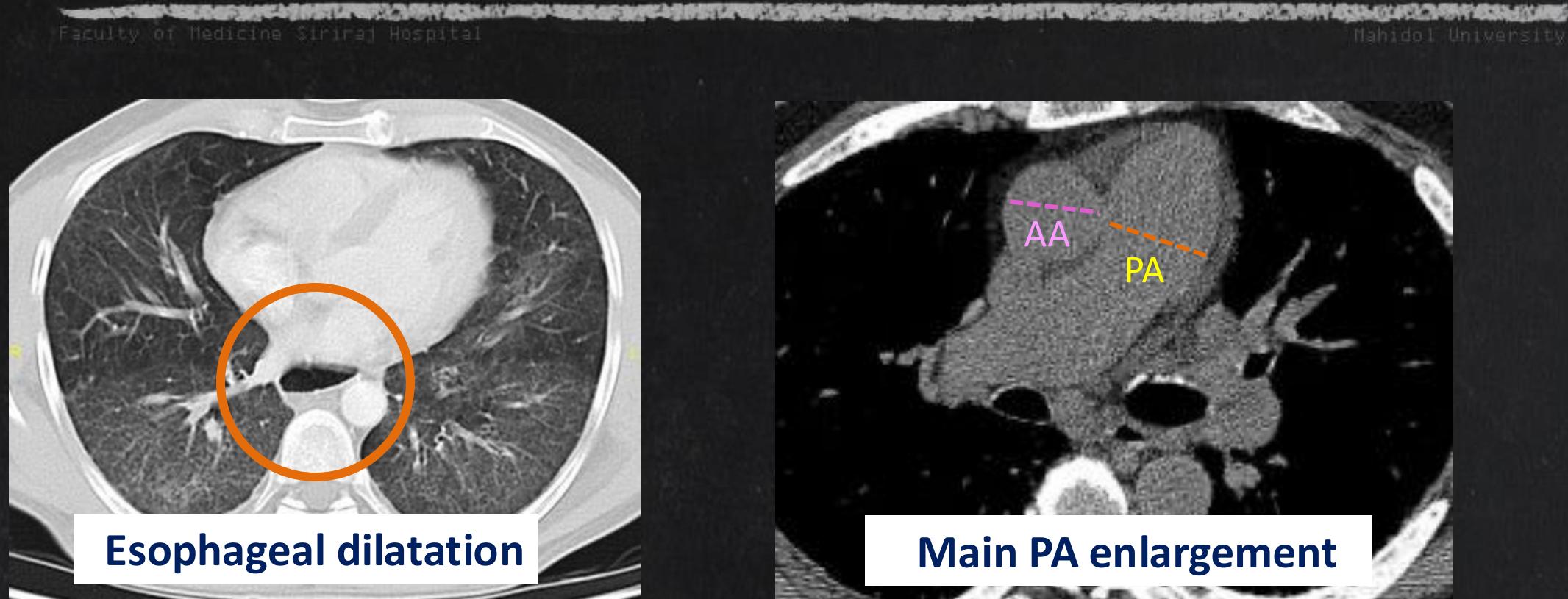
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Layers of small cystic spaces  
with irregularly thickened walls composed of fibrous tissue



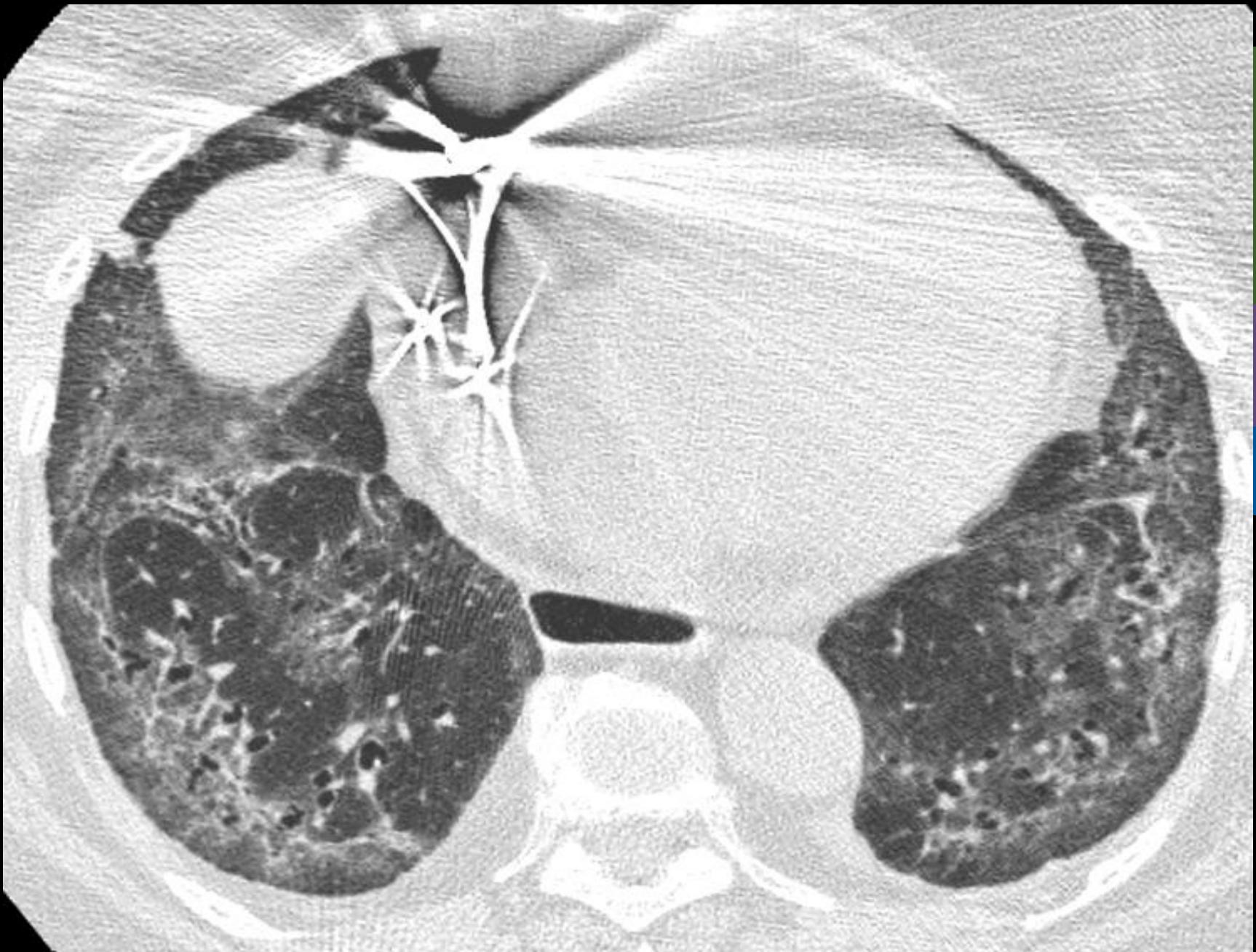
# Suggestive of CTD



- NSIP pattern
- LIP, OP, UIP, DIP pattern
- Esophageal dilatation
- Pleural or pericardial effusion

- PA:AA ratio  $> 0.9$
- Differential diagnosis of the causes of PH

HRCT patterns	UIP	NSIP	OP
GGO	+/-	+++	+
Consolidation	-	-	+++
Reticulation	++	++	Perilobular pattern with linear opacities
Traction bronchiectasis	+++	+	-
Honeycombing	+++	+/-	-
Cystic lesion	-	+ (bronchiolectasis)	-
Nodule	-	-	+/- Small, ill-defined peribronchial nodules
Distribution and associated findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Subpleural area</li><li>• Basal lungs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Subpleural area</li><li>• Basal lungs</li><li>• +/- Immediate subpleural sparing (20%)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Focal or multi-focal</li><li>• Subpleural or peribronchial distribution</li><li>• Reverse halo (20%)</li></ul>



- Ground glass opacities
  - Reticulation
  - Traction bronchiectasis
  - No honeycombing
- 
- Basal lung, bilateral
  - Immediate subpleural sparing
- 
- Esophageal dilatation



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  - Traction bronchiectasis
  - Honeycombing
  - No GGO
- Basal lung, bilateral



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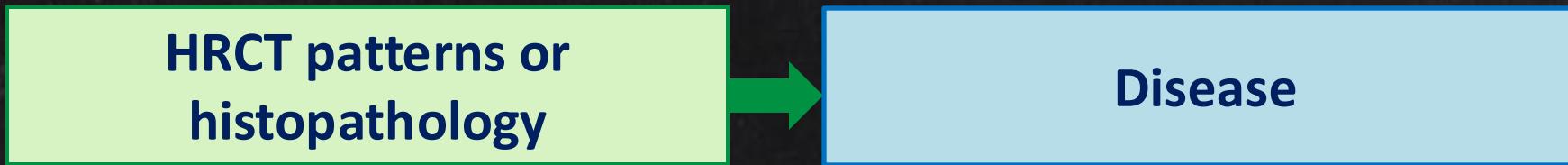
Diagnosis



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Identify causes and associated disease



- Symptoms and signs
- Autoantibody testings



# Connective tissue diseases

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- ปวดข้อ, ข้ออักเสบ
- ผิวหนัง เช่น ผิวหนังตึงแข็ง, ผื่นที่ใบหน้า, ผื่นแพ้แสง,  
ผื่นที่นิ้วมือ, Raynaud's phenomenon
- สำลักปอยหรือกรดไหลย้อน
- กล้ามเนื้อส่วนต้นอ่อนแรง
- ตาแห้ง, ปากแห้ง



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Discoid rash



Grotton's papule



Heliotrope rash



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# Autoantibodies

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Autoantibodies	Diseases		
ANA	• Low titer → non-specific	SLE	90-100%
RF	• Rheumatoid arthritis	SSc	97%
Scl-70	• Systemic sclerosis	MCTD	100%
RNP	• Mixed connective tissue disease	PM/DM	40-80%
Jo-1	• Myositis	RA	30-50%
Ro/SSA, La/SSB	• Sjogren's syndrome		
CCP	• Rheumatoid arthritis		
<b>Myositis panel</b>			
• Antisynthetase	• PL-7, PL-12, EJ, OJ : all associated with presence of ILD		
• MDA-5	• Associated with aggressive ILD		
• PM/Scl	• Overlapping features of PM and Scleroderma		
• Ro-52	• Associated with aggressive ILD		



# Pulmonary function tests

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Diagnosis

Follow-up

- Spirometry
- Total lung capacity (TLC)
- Diffusing capacity (DLCO)
- 6-minute walk test (6MWT)



# Follow-up and monitoring

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- Dyspnea
- Exertional desaturation
- Exclude other causes



- FVC % predicted decline  $\geq 10\%$
- DLCO % predicted decline  $\geq 15\%$
- 6MWT: distance, exertional desaturation



- Progression of HRCT abnormalities

ILD Progression





# Treatment

## Specific treatment

- **Treat specific disease**
  - Corticosteroids
  - Immunosuppressants
  - Antifibrotics
- Lung transplantation

## Other treatment

- Treat comorbid diseases
- Smoking cessation
- Improve nutrition
- Vaccination
- Long-term oxygen
- Pulmonary rehabilitation
- Psychosocial support
- Palliative care





# CTD and lung involvement

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Disease	Airway	Pleura	ILD	PAH	Muscle
SSc	+/-	+/-	++++	+++	-
RA	+++	++	++	+/-	-
Myositis	+/-	-	+++	+/-	+++
Sjogren's	+++	+/-	++	+	+/-
SLE	+/-	+++	+	++	+



# CTD-ILD

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Disease	UIP	NSIP	DAD	OP	LIP	DAH	Airway
SSc	++	++++	+	+	-	-	-
RA	++	+	+	-	-	-	++
Myositis	++	++++	+	++	-	-	-
Sjogren's	++	+++	-	+	++	-	++
SLE	+	+	++	+	-	+++	-
MCTD	++	+++	-	-	+	-	-



# CTD-ILD

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Disease	Type of ILD	Prevalence of ILD	Occult CTD	Progressive
SSc	NSIP UIP	> 50%	Less often	++
RA	UIP NSIP OP, DIP	10%	Less often	++
Myositis	NSIP, OP UIP, DAD	20-70%	Often	++
Sjogren's	NSIP UIP, LIP	10-40%	Less often	?
MCTD	NSIP, OP UIP	40-50%	Often	+/-



# Treatment of CTD-ILD

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## Pharmacological



## Non-pharmacological

### Specific treatment

- Corticosteroids
- Immunosuppressants
- Biologic agents

### Pre-treatment evaluation

- Precaution
- Infection screening
- Education (drugs, goal, self-care)

### Monitoring

- Adverse event
- Treatment response



# Specific treatment of CTD-ILD

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Diagnosis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Classification criteria of specific CTD</li><li>Onset and disease behavior (chronic, subacute, RP-ILD)</li></ul>
ILD subtypes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>HRCT (+/- histopathologic) pattern</li></ul>
Disease severity and risk of progression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clinical, imaging, PFTs</li><li>Demographic data, serology (individual basis)</li></ul>
Extrapulmonary organs	
Patient factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Precaution/contraindication</li><li>Patient's preference and healthcare rights</li></ul>
Physicians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Experience and hospital resources</li></ul>



# Pre-treatment evaluation

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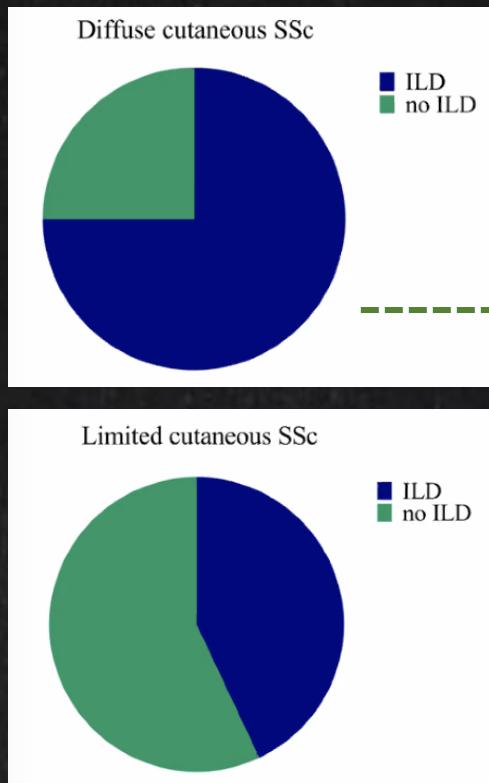
Drugs	CBC	LFT	Cr	FBS	Lipid	HBsAg	Anti-HBc	Anti-HCV	UA	Stool parasite
Corticosteroids	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
Azathioprine	✓	✓	✓							✓
Cyclophosphamide	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓
Cyclosporine	✓	✓	✓							✓
Mycophenolate	✓	✓	✓							✓
Tacrolimus	✓	✓	✓							✓
Rituximab	✓					✓	✓	✓		✓
Tocilizumab	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓



# Systemic sclerosis

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Lungs in SSc	ILD	PAH
Prevalence	40-75% by PFT 90% by CT	13-35% by echo 7-13% by RHC
Associated with	Diffuse SSc	Limited SSc
Serology	Anti-Scl-70	Anticentromere
Cause of death	35%	30%

# Screening ILD

## \*ลักษณะที่สงสัย ILD

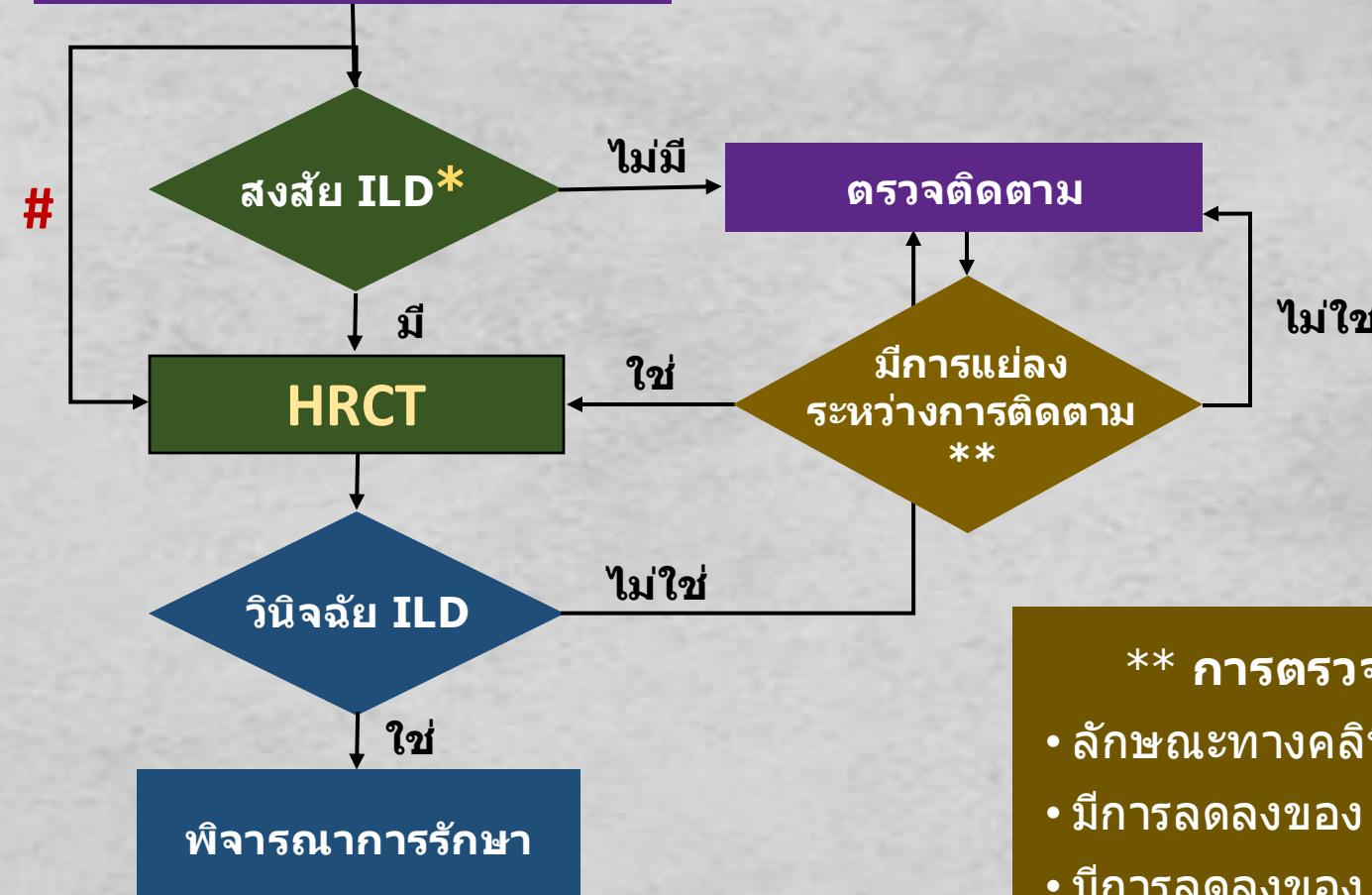
- ลักษณะทางคลินิก เช่น เหนือย ไอ และ velcro crackles
- FVC < 80% predicted
- TLC < 80% predicted
- DL<sub>CO</sub> < 80% predicted
- Desaturation (resting/exertion)

## # Predictors of ILD

- Male
- Diffuse scleroderma
- Anti-topoisomerase I Ab (anti-Scl-70)
- Esophageal dysmotility / GERD
- African American

# ผู้ป่วยที่มีปัจจัยเสี่ยงในการเกิด ILD  
ทั้งนี้ ขึ้นกับแพทย์ผู้ดูแล ทีมแพทย์สหสาขา และ  
บริบทของแต่ละ รพ.

## วินิจฉัย systemic sclerosis



แบบการ  
การดูแลรักษา SSc-ILD

## \*\* การตรวจติดตาม

- ลักษณะทางคลินิก
- มีการลดลงของ FVC
- มีการลดลงของ DL<sub>CO</sub>
- ระดับออกซิเจนปลายนิ้ว



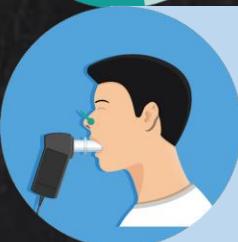
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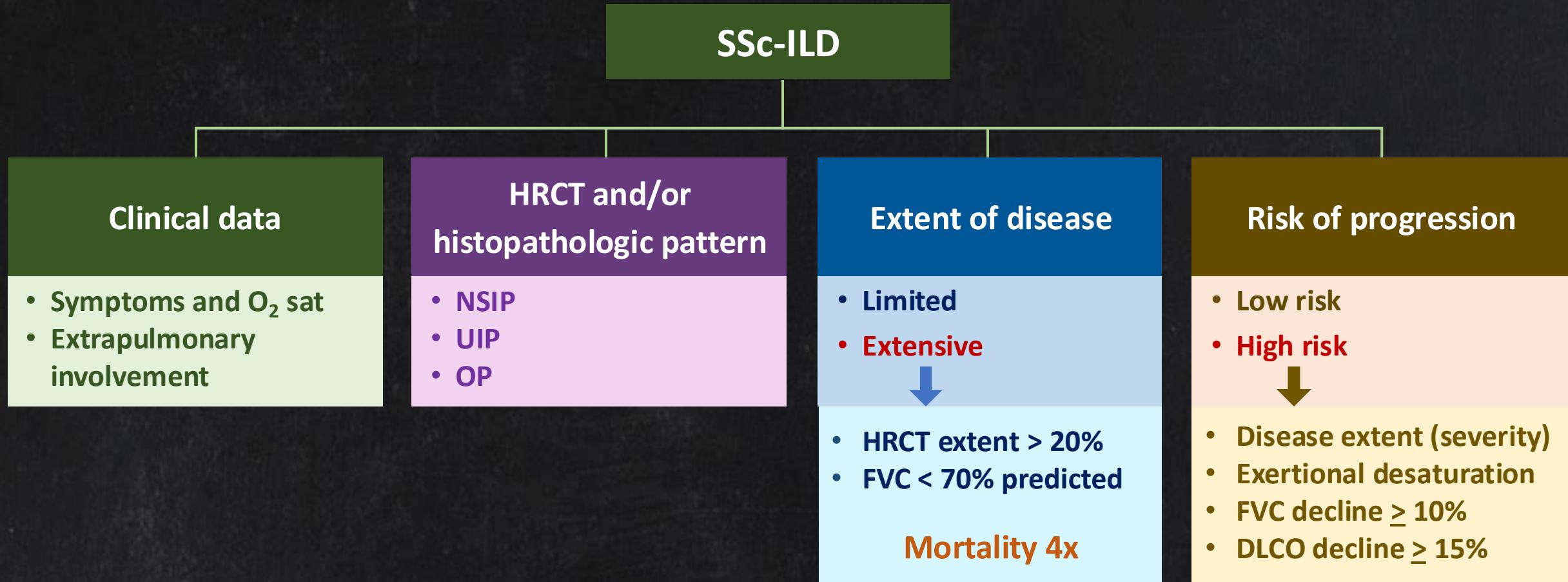




# SSc-ILD treatment

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# SSc-ILD treatment

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## Specific treatment

- **Treat specific disease**
  - Immunosuppressants
  - Biologic treatment
  - HSCT
  - Antifibrotics
- Lung transplantation

## Other treatment

- Treat comorbid diseases
- Smoking cessation
- Improve nutrition
- Vaccination
- Long-term oxygen
- Pulmonary rehabilitation
- Psychosocial support
- Palliative care



# 2023 ATS treatment recommendation



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Strong  
in favor

Mycophenolate

Conditional  
in favor

Cyclophosphamide

Rituximab

Tocilizumab

Nintedanib,  
Nintedanib + MMF

Research  
recommendation

Pirfenidone,  
Pirfenidone + MMF



# SSc-ILD treatment

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**MMF**

**CYC**

**AZA**



**iv**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve and stabilize FVC</li> <li>• Safety</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve and stabilize FVC</li> <li>• Higher adverse events comparing to MMF</li> <li>• Pulse regimen is preferred over oral daily regimen</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stabilize FVC</li> <li>• Use only for maintenance Rx</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve FVC</li> <li>• Data from meta-analysis: study in patients who failed first-line Rx</li> <li>• iv drip over 4-6 hr</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stabilize FVC</li> <li>• Secondary outcome</li> <li>• Safety</li> <li>• Recommend in inflammatory phenotype (<math>\uparrow</math>CRP, skin) and early/dSSc</li> </ul>
18-26 THB (500 mg)   มีเงื่อนไข*	7 THB (50 mg)  	7 THB (50 mg)  	4,800 THB (500 mg)  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• iv <math>\rightarrow</math> not approve in SSc-ILD</li> <li>• iv form cannot be used for SC inject.</li> </ul>



# Immunosuppressants

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Drugs	Dose and duration	Note
Prednisolone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dose &lt; 10 mg/day</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Do not use as monotherapy</li><li>Awareness of renal crisis</li></ul>
CYC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Oral daily:</b> 1-2 MKD (1 year)</li><li><b>Pulse regimen</b></li><li>IVCY: monthly 600 mg/m<sup>2</sup> (6 months)</li><li>Oral pulse: 400 mg twice a month (1 year)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>First line treatment for SSc-ILD</b></li><li>Awareness of adverse event and drug toxicity (neutropenia, cystitis, cancer risk)</li><li>Mesna might be considered in patients who received pulse regimen</li><li>PJP prophylaxis should be considered (TMP/SMZ (80/400) once a day or (160/800) 3 times a week)</li></ul>
MMF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2,000-3,000 mg/day (2 years)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>First line treatment for SSc-ILD</b> with less adverse event compared to CYC</li></ul>
AZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1-2 MKD</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Only used as <b>maintenance treatment</b></li></ul>



## การรักษา SSc-ILD

**วัสดุและการรักษาที่ไม่ใช่ยา**

- เลือกบุหรี่
- รักษาโรคร่วม
- วัดชีพ
- การฟื้นฟูสมรรถภาพปอด
- ปรับภาวะโภชนาการ
- การให้ออกซิเจนระยะยาว
- Palliative และ end-of-life care

ไม่ใช่  
พิจารณา  
การรักษาด้วยยา

พิจารณาให้  
**immunosuppressive drugs**  
ได้แก่ cyclophosphamide หรือ  
mycophenolate mofetil

ตรวจติดตาม \*

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ไม่ใช่  
มีการลุกลามของโรค

ไม่ใช่  
ไม่ตอบสนองหรือ  
มีการลุกลามของโรค

ใช่  
ใช่  
ปรับการรักษา

- ปรับขนาดยาหรือพิจารณาแยกลุ่มอื่น เช่น tocilizumab, rituximab เป็นต้น
- ประเมินการปลูกถ่ายปอด
- Autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplantation
- Antifibrotics

\* การตรวจติดตาม

- Clinical data
- O<sub>2</sub> saturation
- FVC decline
- DLCO decline
- HRCT extent

## การพิจารณาการรักษา

- FVC < 70% predicted
- HRCT extent > 20%
- Symptoms and O<sub>2</sub> saturation
- Some HRCT features e.g. OP
- Extrapulmonary organ

## Risk of progression

- Age
- Male
- Shorter onset of SSc
- Lower baseline FVC and DLCO
- Rapid decline of FVC, DLCO
- HRCT extent



# Idiopathic inflammatory myositis

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Onset	Frequency	
<b>Asymptomatic</b>	25%	
<b>Subacute / chronic</b>	58%	
<b>Rapidly progressive</b>	17%	 More frequently seen in <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DM</li><li>• CADM</li><li>• Positive anti-MDA5</li><li>• Hypomyopathic DM</li></ul>

DM, dermatomyositis; CADM, clinically amyopathic dermatomyositis  
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# Antisynthetase syndrome

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- Presence of one of antisynthetase antibodies

• Anti-Jo-1 and anti-PL	60-80%
• Anti-PL7	10-15%
• Anti-PL12	5-10%
• Anti-EJ, -OJ, -KS	5-15%

- Combination with

One of major involvement

• Polyarthritis	62%
• Myositis	57%
• ILD	70%

OR two minor

• Fever	43%
• Mechanic's hands	28%
• Raynaud's	47%



# Anti-MDA5-related ILD

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- Anti-MDA5 was found in 7-13% of DM patients
- ANA may be negative
- Significant myositis could be found only 20%
- Other manifestations
  - Skin (digital ulcer, DM rash)
  - Arthritis (80%)
  - Raynaud's phenomenon (45%)
  - Mechanic's hands (80%)
  - Panniculitis



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- Anti-MDA5 → associated with rapidly progressive ILD
- Survival rate → 54% at 6 months
- Autoantibodies titer level > 500 U/mL → associated with
  - Treatment resistance
  - Higher risk of short-term death from respiratory failure



# Treatment of IIM-ILD

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## Specific treatment

- Pharmacological treatment
  - **Corticosteroids**
  - **Immunosuppressants**
  - Biologic treatment
  - Other rescue treatment
  - Antifibrotics

## Other treatment

- Treat comorbid diseases
- Smoking cessation
- Improve nutrition
- Vaccination
- Long-term oxygen
- Pulmonary rehabilitation
- Psychosocial support
- Palliative care





# Causes of secondary OP

## Infection

- Bacteria: *Burkholderia cepacia*, *Nocardia asteroides*, *Legionella pneumoniae*, *P. aeruginosa*, *S. pneumoniae*, *S. aereus*, *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*
- Viruses: SARS-CoV-2, HPV, CMV, HIV, influenza, parainfluenza, HHV-7, RSV
- Parasites: *Plasmodium vivax*, *Dirofilaria imitis*
- Fungi: *Cryptococcus neoformans*, *Penicillium janthinellum*, PJP

## Connective tissue disease

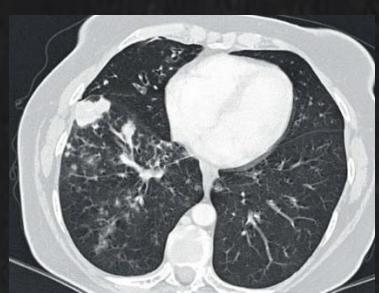
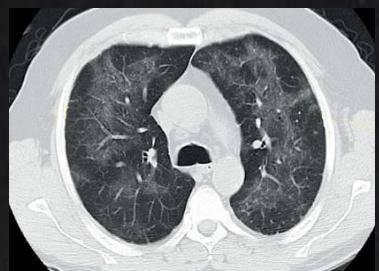
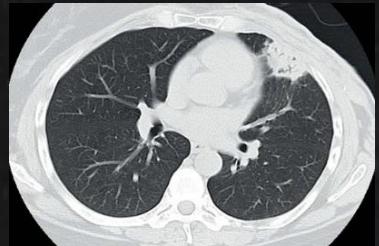
- IIM: PM/DM, ASS, anti-MDA5
- Sjogren's syndrome
- RA
- SSc
- Granulomatosis with polyangiitis

## Drugs

- Amiodarone
- Nitrofurantoin
- Methotrexate
- Bleomycin
- Freebase cocaine

## Others

- Hematologic malignancy: leukemia, lymphoma
- BM/stem cell or solid organ transplantation
- Radiation therapy
- Immunodeficiency syndrome
- Associated with other ILDs: CEP, HP, organizing DAD
- IBD: Crohn's disease, UC
- Others: inhalation injury, aspiration



## Findings

- **Consolidation**
- **Ground-glass opacities**
- **Crazy-paving pattern**
- **Reverse halo (Atoll) sign**
- **Nodules (solitary or multiple): subtle, poorly defined pattern**

## Distribution

- **Multifocal, bilateral**
- **Peripheral (subpleural)**
- **Peribronchovascular pattern**
- **Linear and band-like pattern**
- **Perilobular pattern: poorly defined, bowed or polygonal opacities**
- **Recurrent or migratory**





# Conclusion

**Suspicious of ILD**

- Symptom and sign
- Chest X-ray
- Initial investigation

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HRCT

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Multidisciplinary discussion (MDD)

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Diagnosis

Yes  
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Diagnosis

No  
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Bronchoscopy can make diagnosis

Yes  
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Bronchoscopy

No  
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SLB or TBCB

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Diagnosis

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MDD

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Diagnosis

Yes  
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Diagnosis

No  
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Yes  
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Diagnosis



# Conclusion

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# EARLY

Detection  
Diagnosis  
Treatment  
Referral

Multidisciplinary discussion

If worsening

