# **Progressive Fibrotic Interstitial Lung Disease (PF-ILD)**

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# **ILD Definition and Patient Population**

- Encompasses a large group of pulmonary disorders
  - Affects the interstitium (tissue and space around the alveoli)
- General consensus is that some form of injury of the alveolar epithelial cells initiates an inflammatory response coupled with repair mechanisms<sup>1</sup>
  - Reflected pathologically as inflammation, fibrosis, or a combination of both
  - Alteration of the interstitial space leads to clinical symptoms consistent with restrictive ventilatory deficit and poor gas exchange
- Some patients with different types of ILD can develop a distinct, progressive fibrosing phenotype
  - Similar to Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) with worsening of respiratory symptoms, lung function, quality of life, functional status, and early mortality<sup>2, 3, 4</sup>
- High unmet need for further characterization and treatment options<sup>5</sup>
  - Two interventional studies are evaluating treatment benefits of two anti-fibrotic therapies in non-IPF progressing fibrosing ILD<sup>6, 7</sup>
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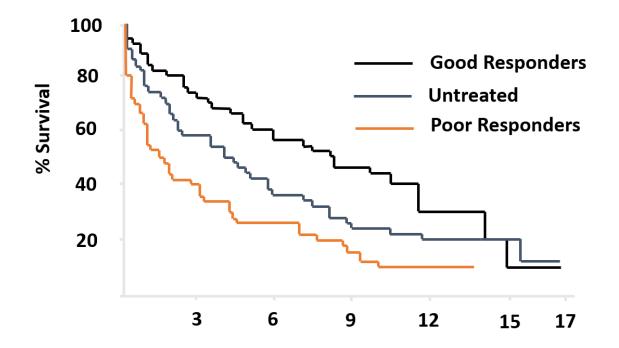
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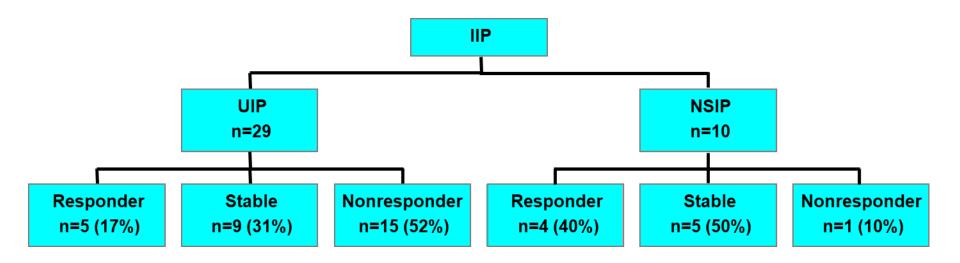
## **Steroids Improved Survival in Some Patients**

#### Improved survival

 Women, younger age, good steroid response



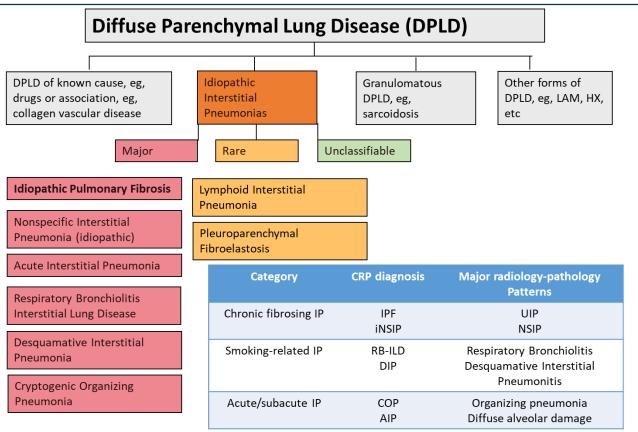
#### **Response to Steroid Therapy in UIP and NSIP**



P<0.05 for difference in distribution of responses between patients with UIP and NSIP. K Flaherty et al., *Clinical significance of histological classification of idiopathic interstitial pneumonia*, 42 EUR. RESPIR. J. 275-83 (2002).

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### **Classification of Interstitial Lung Diseases**



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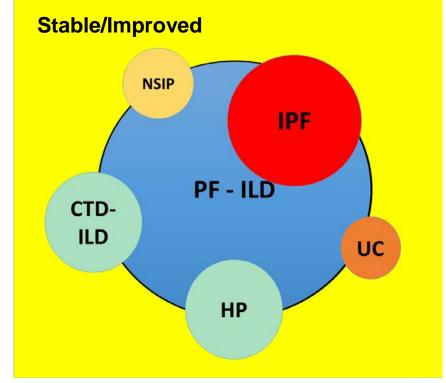
# Initial Diagnosis No Longer Prognostic after Accounting for Change in Lung Function

Baseline DLco and change in FVC are associated with poor prognosis in patients with fibrotic interstitial pneumonia

Factors	Hazard Ratio	95% CI	P value
Male	2.724	1.277–5.813	0.010
Initial DLco % predicted	0.972	0.949–0.996	0.022
6-month change in FVC	0.925	0.893–0.958	<0.001
Age	1.027	0.992–1.064	0.134
NSIP	0.854	0.349–2.093	0.730
Resting PaO <sub>2</sub>	0.995	0.961–1.031	0.798
Initial FVC % predicted	0.987	0.964–1.010	0.262

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- Future: Combine diagnosis and behavior (phenotype)
  - Although no FDA-approved treatments exist for patients with fibrotic ILD other than IPF, several clinical trials are in progress<sup>1, 2, 3</sup>

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UC – unclassifiable HP – hypersensitivity pneumonitis

#### **Rationale for New Code**

- Enable more specific identification of patients with ILD with a progressive fibrotic phenotype
- Facilitate research and characterization of this patient population
- Enhance understanding of the diseases to aid in diagnosis, disease management, and treatment
- Facilitate more responsive monitoring and tracking of ILDs, while enhancing providers' ability to accurately respond to the type of ILD diagnosed
- Streamline claims processing and enable clearer diagnoses in patient records, particularly as new treatments become available