

GUIDELINE of IPF

– Official Statements in 2011 and 2013

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Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis: Diagnosis and Treatment

International Consensus Statement

Am J Respir Crit Care Med Vol 161. pp 646–664, 2000

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Progress in Diagnosis of IPF since 2000 and 2002

Diagnostic Process in IIP

- **C**linico-**R**adiologic-**P**athologic Diagnosis (CRP Diagnosis)
= **M**ulti-**D**isciplinary **D**iscussion (MDD)
- **Clinical Evaluation** History and Physical examination
PFT Restriction \pm impaired gas exchange
- **HRCT**
- **Surgical Lung Biopsy**

Definite Diagnosis of IPF in the Presence of Surgical Lung Biopsy (2000)

1. Exclusion of known causes of ILD
2. Abnormal pulmonary function studies
3. Abnormalities on conventional chest radiographs or HRCT scans

Diagnosis of IPF in absence of Surgical Lung Biopsy (2000)

Major Criteria

1. Exclusion of known causes of ILD
2. Abnormal pulmonary function studies
3. Abnormality on HRCT scans
4. Transbronchial lung biopsy or BAL

Minor Criteria

1. Age > 50 years
2. Insidious onset of otherwise unexplained dyspnea on exertion
3. Duration of illness > 3 months
4. Bibasilar, inspiratory crackles (dry or 'Velcro' type in quality)

→ In the immunocompetent adult,
all of the major criteria + at least three of the four minor criteria

Diagnostic Criteria (2011)

1. Exclusion of known causes of ILD
2. In patients not subjected to surgical lung biopsy
→ UIP pattern on HRCT
3. In patients subjected to surgical lung biopsy
→ Specific combinations of
HRCT and surgical lung biopsy pattern

*The major and minor criteria proposed in the 2000
ATS/ERS Consensus Statement have been eliminated*

- Bronchoalveolar Lavage
- Transbronchial Lung Biopsy
- Serologic test for CTD

DEFINITION OF UIP PATTERN

HRCT Features

TABLE 4. 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">● Subpleural, basal predominance● Reticular abnormality● Honeycombing with or without traction bronchiectasis● Absence of features listed as inconsistent with UIP pattern (<i>see</i> third column)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Subpleural, basal predominance● Reticular abnormality● Absence of features listed as inconsistent with UIP pattern (<i>see</i> third column)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Upper or mid-lung predominance● Peribronchovascular predominance● Extensive ground glass abnormality (extent > reticular abnormality)● Profuse micronodules (bilateral, predominantly upper lobes)● Discrete cysts (multiple, bilateral, away from areas of honeycombing)● Diffuse mosaic attenuation/air-trapping (bilateral, in three or more lobes)● Consolidation in bronchopulmonary segment(s)/lobe(s)

Definition of abbreviation: UIP = usual interstitial pneumonia.

UIP Pattern (All Four Features)

- Subpleural, basal predominance
- Reticular abnormality
- Honeycombing +/- traction bronchiectasis
- Absence of features
listed as inconsistent with UIP pattern

Possible UIP Pattern (All Three Features)

- Subpleural, basal predominance
- Reticular abnormality
- Absence of features
listed as inconsistent with UIP pattern

Inconsistent with UIP Pattern (Any of the Seven Features)

- Upper or mid-lung predominance
- Peribronchovascular predominance
- Extensive ground glass abnormality
- Profuse micronodules
- Discrete cysts
- Diffuse mosaic attenuation/air-trapping
- Consolidation

DEFINITION OF UIP PATTERN

Histopathology Features

TABLE 5. HISTOPATHOLOGICAL CRITERIA FOR UIP PATTERN

UIP Pattern (All Four Criteria)	Probable UIP Pattern	Possible UIP Pattern (All Three Criteria)	Not UIP Pattern (Any of the Six Criteria)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of marked fibrosis/ architectural distortion, \pm honeycombing in a predominantly subpleural/ paraseptal distribution • Presence of patchy involvement of lung parenchyma by fibrosis • Presence of fibroblast foci • Absence of features against a diagnosis of UIP suggesting an alternate diagnosis (see fourth column) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of marked fibrosis / architectural distortion, \pm honeycombing • Absence of either patchy involvement or fibroblastic foci, but not both • Absence of features against a diagnosis of UIP suggesting an alternate diagnosis (see fourth column) <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honeycomb changes only[†] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patchy or diffuse involvement of lung parenchyma by fibrosis, with or without interstitial inflammation • Absence of other criteria for UIP (see UIP PATTERN column) • Absence of features against a diagnosis of UIP suggesting an alternate diagnosis (see fourth column) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hyaline membranes* • Organizing pneumonia*[†] • Granulomas[†] • Marked interstitial inflammatory cell infiltrate away from honeycombing • Predominant airway centered changes • Other features suggestive of an alternate diagnosis

Definition of abbreviations: HRCT = high-resolution computed tomography; UIP = usual interstitial pneumonia.

UIP Pattern (All Four Criteria)

- Marked fibrosis/architectural distortion, ± honeycombing in a subpleural/paraseptal distribution
- Patchy involvement of lung parenchyma by fibrosis
- Fibroblastic foci
- Absence of features against a diagnosis of UIP suggesting an alternative diagnosis

Probable UIP Pattern

- Marked fibrosis/architectural distortion,
± honeycombing
- Absence of either patchy involvement
or fibroblastic foci, but not both
- Absence of features against a diagnosis of UIP
suggesting an alternative diagnosis

OR

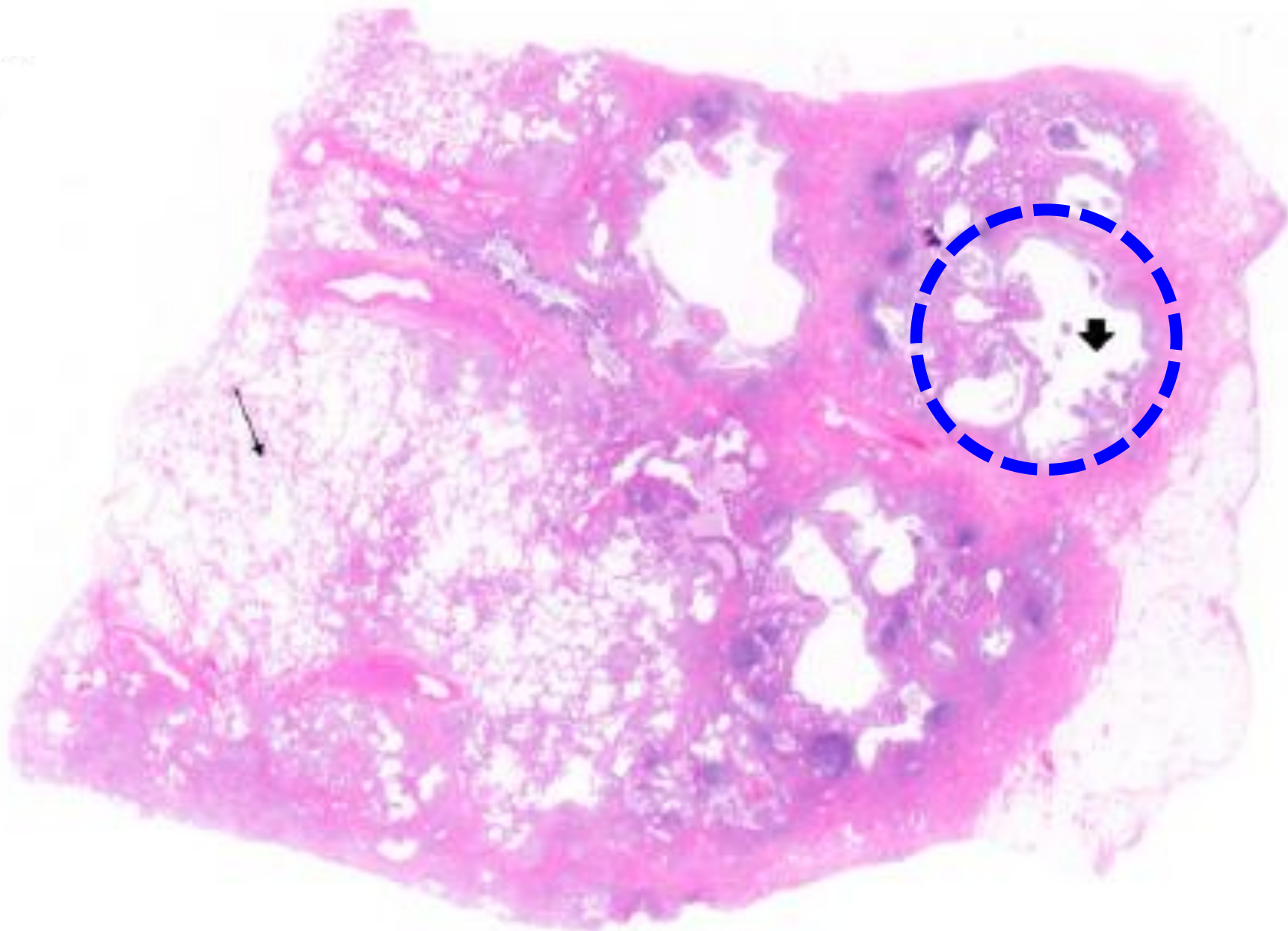
- Honeycomb changes only

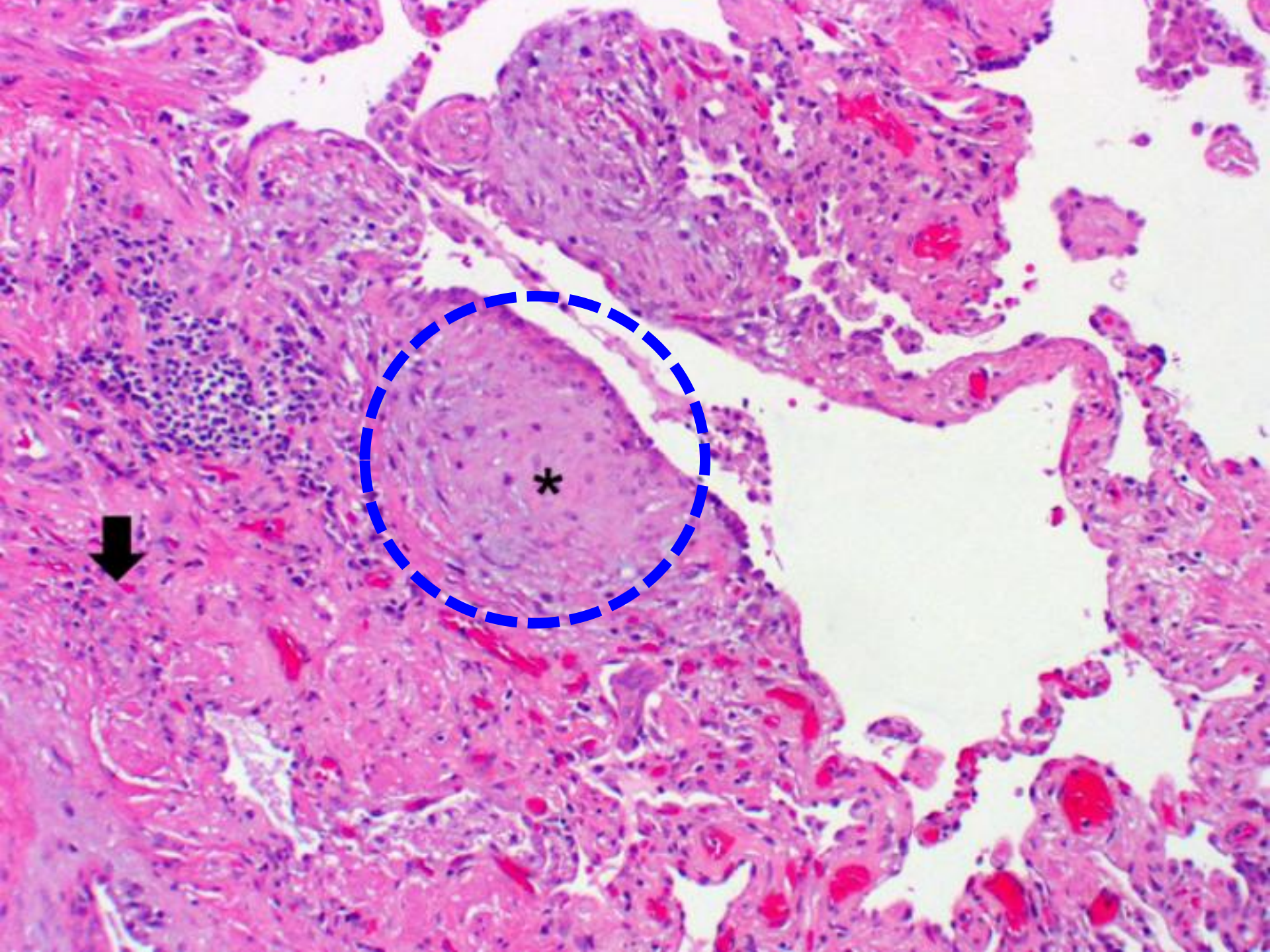
Possible UIP Pattern (All Three Criteria)

- Patchy or diffuse involvement of lung parenchyma by fibrosis \pm interstitial inflammation
- Absence of other criteria for UIP
- Absence of features against a diagnosis of UIP suggesting an alternative diagnosis

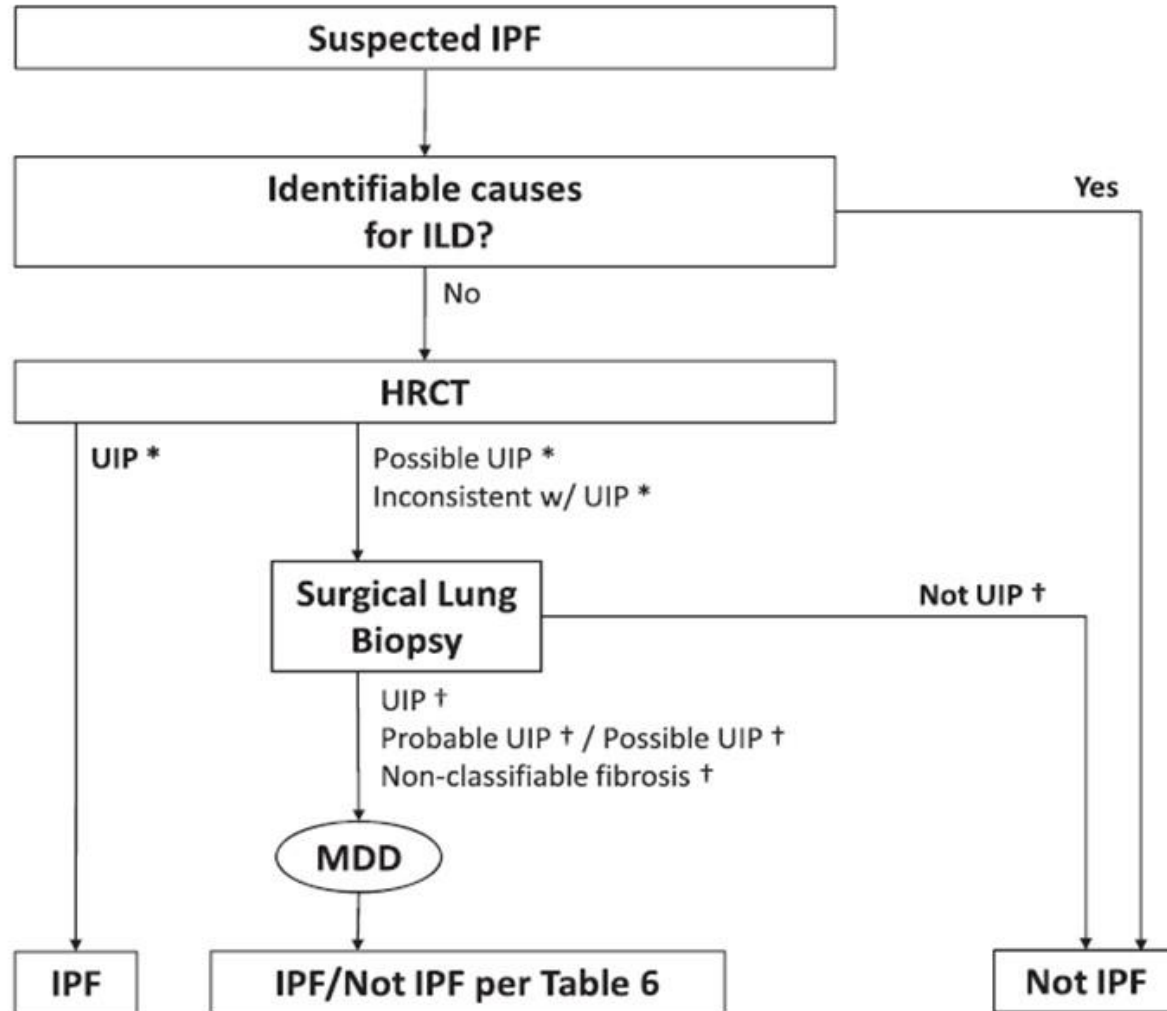
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- Hyaline membranes
- Organizing pneumonia
- Granuloma
- Marked interstitial inflammatory cell infiltrate
- Predominant airway centered changes
- Other features suggestive of an alternative diagnosis





Diagnostic Algorithm for IPF



Combination of HRCT and Surgical Lung Biopsy for the Diagnosis of IPF

HRCT pattern	Surgical Lung Biopsy Pattern (when performed)	Diagnosis of IPF?
UIP	UIP Probable UIP Possible UIP Unclassifiable fibrosis*	YES
	Not UIP	No

* Fibrosis that does not meet the criteria for UIP pattern and the other IIPs

Combination of HRCT and Surgical Lung Biopsy for the Diagnosis of IPF

HRCT pattern	Surgical Lung Biopsy Pattern (when performed)	Diagnosis of IPF?
Possible UIP	UIP	} YES
	Probable UIP	
Possible UIP	Possible UIP	} Probable [†]
	Unclassifiable fibrosis	
	Not UIP	No

[†] MDD should include discussions of potential for sampling error and a re-evaluation of adequacy of HRCT technique

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Inconsistent with UIP	UIP	Possible [†]
	Probable UIP	No
	Possible UIP	
	Unclassifiable fibrosis Not UIP	

[†] MDD should include discussions of potential for sampling error and a re-evaluation of adequacy of HRCT technique

Progress in Classification of IIP

Since 2002

Idiopathic Interstitial Pneumonias (IIPs)

- **ATS/ERS International Multidisciplinary Consensus Classification of Idiopathic Interstitial Pneumonias (2002)**

Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF)

Nonspecific interstitial pneumonia (NSIP)

Cryptogenic organizing pneumonia (COP)

Acute interstitial pneumonia (AIP)

Respiratory bronchiolitis-interstitial lung disease (RB-ILD)

Desquamative interstitial pneumonia (DIP)

Lymphoid interstitial pneumonia (LIP)

TABLE 1. REVISED AMERICAN THORACIC SOCIETY/EUROPEAN RESPIRATORY SOCIETY CLASSIFICATION OF IDIOPATHIC INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIAS: MULTIDISCIPLINARY DIAGNOSES

Major idiopathic interstitial pneumonias

Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis

Idiopathic nonspecific interstitial pneumonia

Respiratory bronchiolitis–interstitial lung disease

Desquamative interstitial pneumonia

Cryptogenic organizing pneumonia

Acute interstitial pneumonia

Rare idiopathic interstitial pneumonias

Idiopathic lymphoid interstitial pneumonia

Idiopathic pleuroparenchymal fibroelastosis

Unclassifiable idiopathic interstitial pneumonias*

Unclassifiable IIP

- Inadequate CRP data
- Major discordance between CRP findings
 - Previous therapy
 - New entity, or unusual variant of recognized entity,
 - Multiple HRCT and/or pathologic patterns

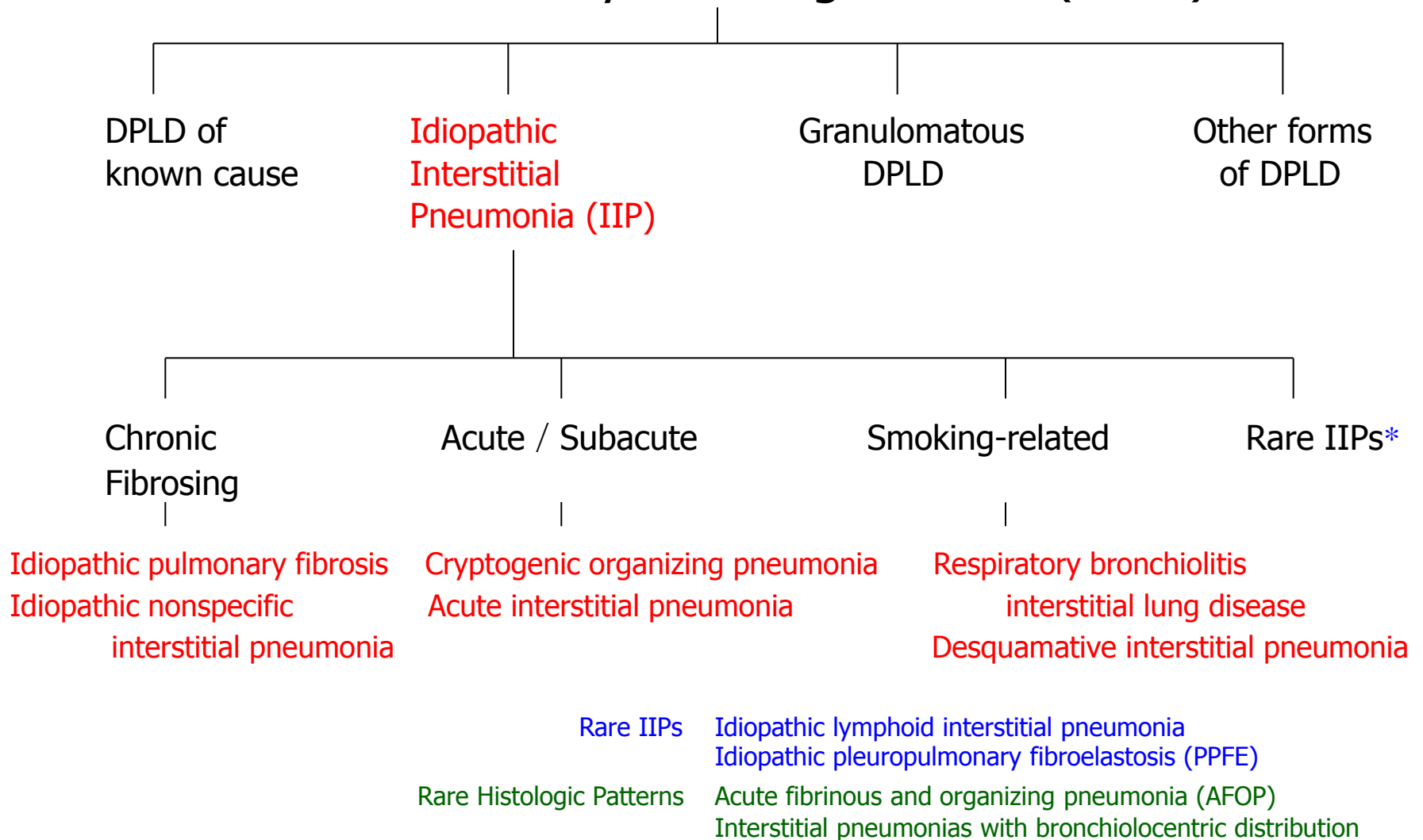
TABLE 2. CATEGORIZATION OF MAJOR IDIOPATHIC INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIAS

Category	Clinical–Radiologic–Pathologic Diagnoses
Chronic fibrosing IP	Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis Idiopathic nonspecific interstitial pneumonia
Smoking-related IP*	Respiratory bronchiolitis-interstitial lung disease Desquamative interstitial pneumonia
Acute/subacute IP	Cryptogenic organizing pneumonia Acute interstitial pneumonia

Definition of abbreviation: IP = interstitial pneumonia.

* Desquamative interstitial pneumonia can occasionally occur in nonsmokers.

Diffuse Parenchymal Lung Disease (DPLD)



Progress in Specific IIPs Since 2002

Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis

- Updated evidence-based guideline
for the diagnosis and management of IPF in 2011

TABLE 7. SELECTED FEATURES ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED RISK OF MORTALITY IN IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY FIBROSIS

Baseline factors*

Level of dyspnea[†]

DL_{CO} < 40% predicted

Desaturation ≤ 88% during 6MWT

Extent of honeycombing on HRCT[†]

Pulmonary hypertension

Longitudinal factors

Increase in level of dyspnea[†]

Decrease in Forced Vital Capacity by ≥ 10% absolute value

Decrease in DL_{CO} by ≥ 15% absolute value

Worsening of fibrosis on HRCT[†]

Definition of abbreviations: 6MWT = 6-minute-walk test; DL_{CO} = diffusion capacity for carbon monoxide; HRCT = high-resolution computed tomography.

* Baseline forced vital capacity is of unclear predictive value.

[†] Currently, there is no uniformity in approach to quantification.

Combined Pulmonary Fibrosis and Emphysema (CPFE)

- It is not clear if IPF with coexisting emphysema represents a distinct clinical phenotype with a distinct prognosis or whether emphysema in these cases is simply a comorbidity

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- Coexisting patterns of PF and E
Heterogeneous population of patients, not a distinctive IIP
 - Increased or preserved lung volumes
 - Increased risk of developing pulmonary hypertension
 - Poor prognosis
- When coexisting patterns occur,
MDD may determine the clinical significance of individual patterns

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nonspecific interstitial pneumonia (NSIP) as a provisional diagnosis. Concern was expressed that NSIP was a “wastebasket” category, difficult to distinguish from other idiopathic interstitial pneumonias.

Am J Respir Crit Care Med Vol 165. pp 277–304, 2002

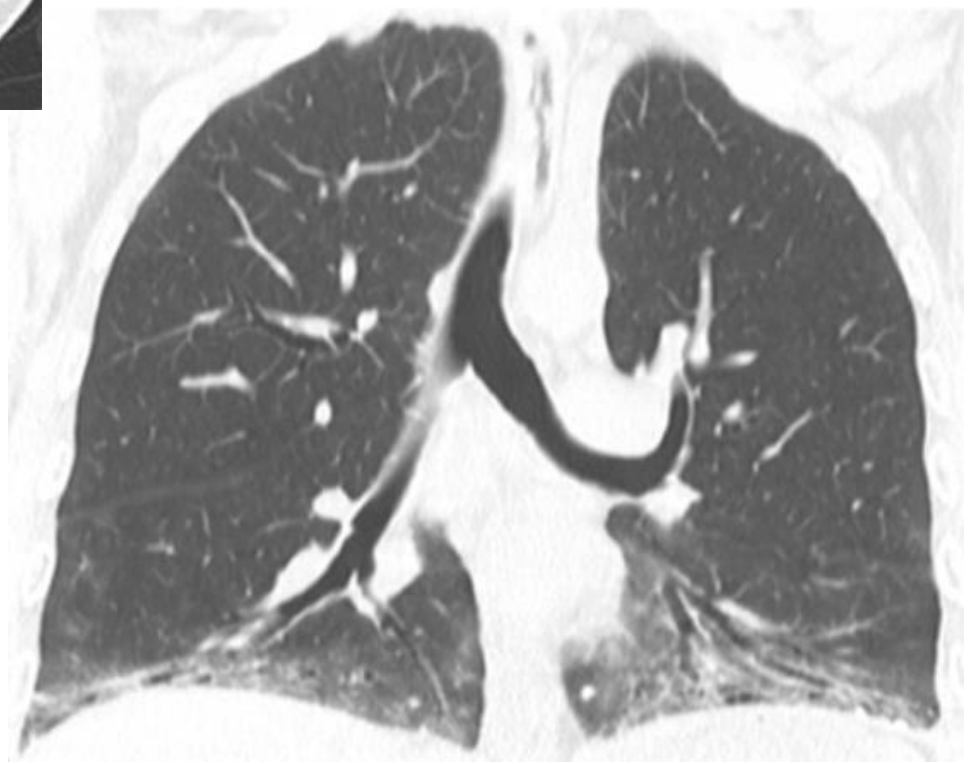
This multidisciplinary workshop showed that there is a consensus among experts that idiopathic NSIP is a distinct clinical entity with characteristic clinical, radiologic, and pathologic features that differ from other IIPs.

1. The clinical presentation is breathlessness and cough of usually 6 to 7 months' duration, predominantly in women, never-smokers, and in the sixth decade of life. Most patients have a restrictive ventilatory defect on lung function testing.
2. Key features on HRCT are bilateral, symmetric, predominantly lower lung reticular opacities with traction bronchiectasis and lower lobe volume loss that is usually diffuse or subpleural in the axial dimension, but sometimes sparing the subpleural lung (Table 5).
3. The key histopathologic features of the NSIP pattern are the uniformity of interstitial involvement with a spectrum from a cellular to a fibrosing process (Tables 3 and 6).
4. The majority of patients with idiopathic NSIP have a good prognosis, with a 5-year mortality rate estimated at less than 18%.

Idiopathic Nonspecific Interstitial Pneumonia
Report of an American Thoracic Society Project
Am J Respir Crit Care Med Vol 177. pp 1338–1347, 2008

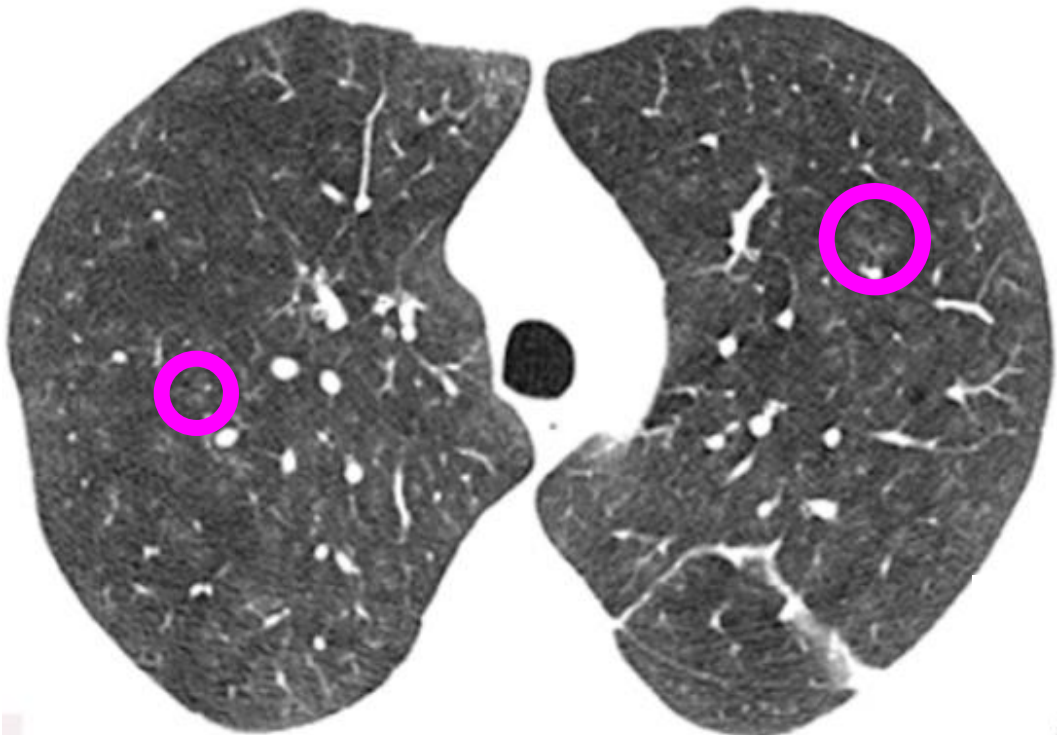
Idiopathic Nonspecific Interstitial Pneumonia

- **Idiopathic vs. With associated conditions**
 - CVD, HP, Drug toxicity and Familial PF
 - “MDD”
- **HRCT**
 - Bilateral GGO
 - Reticular opacities with traction bronchi(ol)ectasis
 - Subpleural sparing
 - Consolidation
 - Honeycombing
- **Histologic Features**
 - Predominantly fibrotic patterns
- **Prognosis**
 - Variable, Stable or improve on treatment
 - Some evolve to end-stage fibrosis and eventually die of the disease



Respiratory Bronchiolitis–Interstitial Lung Disease

- DDX. with DIP
 - Histologic spectrum – extent and distribution
 - Clinical presentation, imaging findings, response to therapy
- HRCT
 - GGO and centrilobular nodules
- Possible diagnosis in smokers, without surgical biopsy
 - by HRCT findings + BAL (Smokers' macrophage + Absence of lymphocytosis)
- Improve after cessation of smoking
 - No report of progression to fibrosis
 - Heterogeneous course
 - In a significant minority, progression despite smoking cessation



Desquamative Interstitial Pneumonia

- Recognized in nonsmokers
 - Perhaps extension of childhood DIP (SP gene mutation)
- 10-year survival, approximately 70%,
with resistance to treatment in a significant minority

Cryptogenic Organizing Pneumonia

- HRCT

- Patchy and often migratory consolidation
in a subpleural, peribronchial or band-like pattern

- Perilobular opacities and reversed halo sign

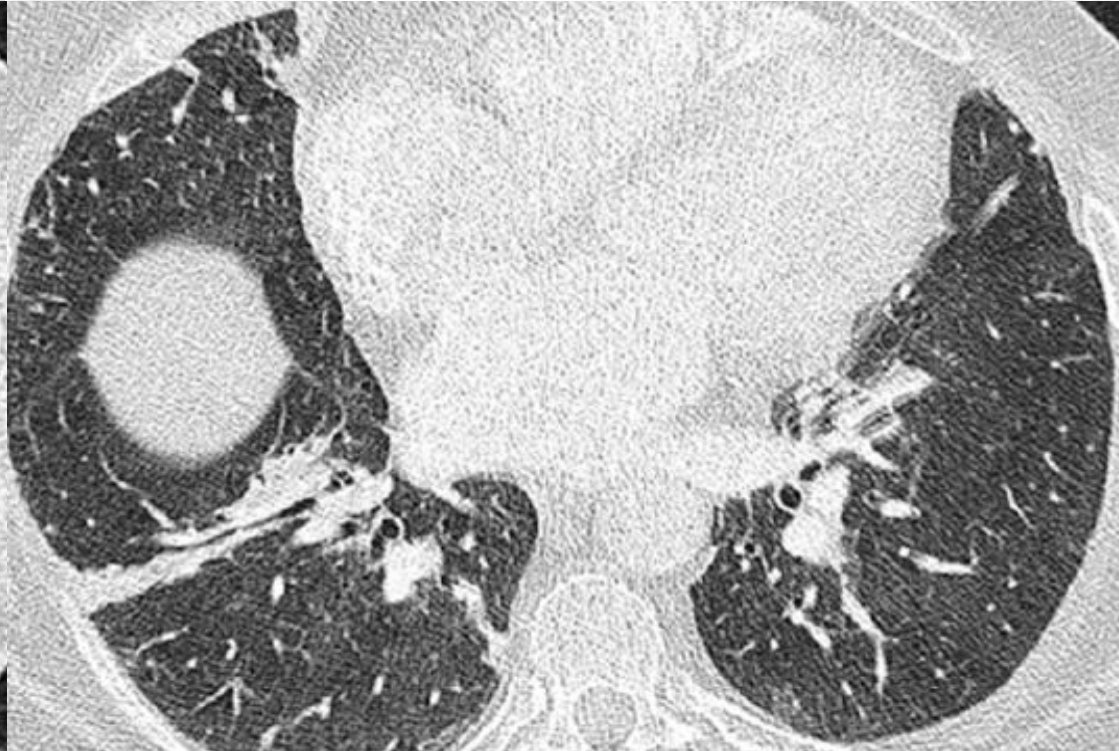
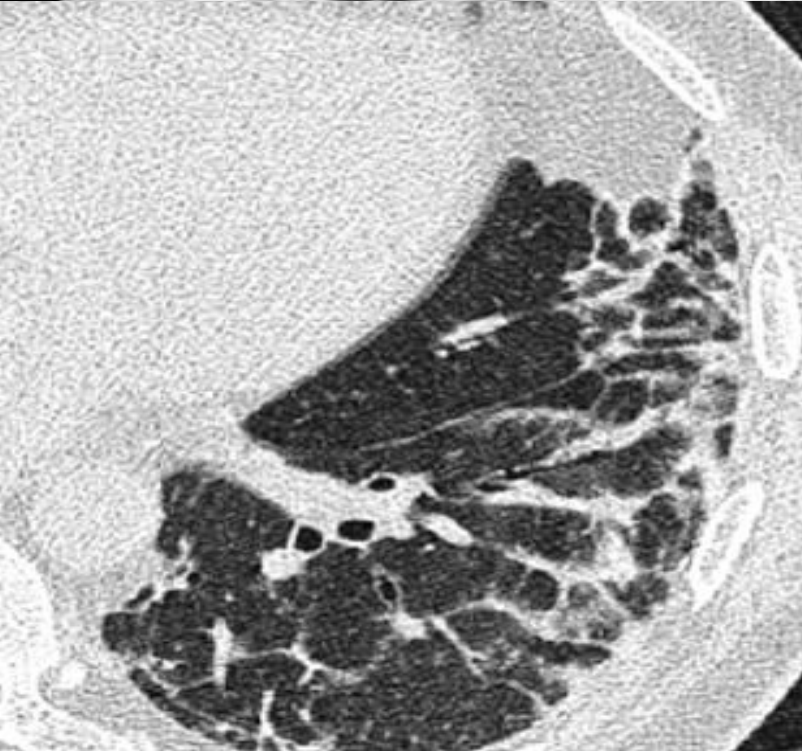
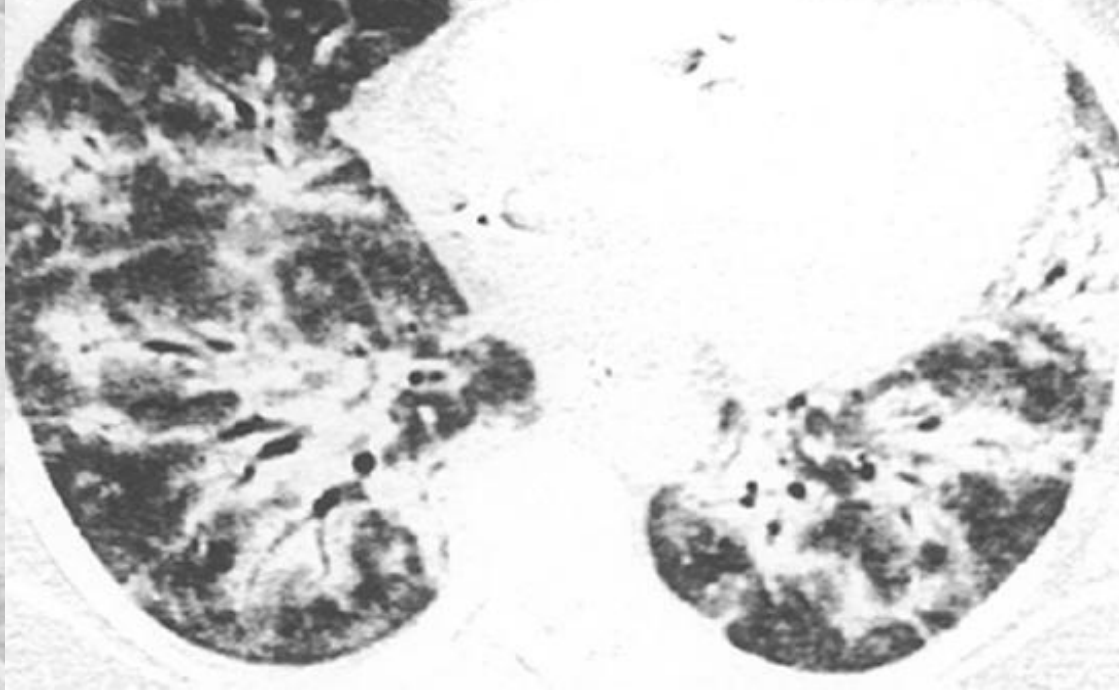
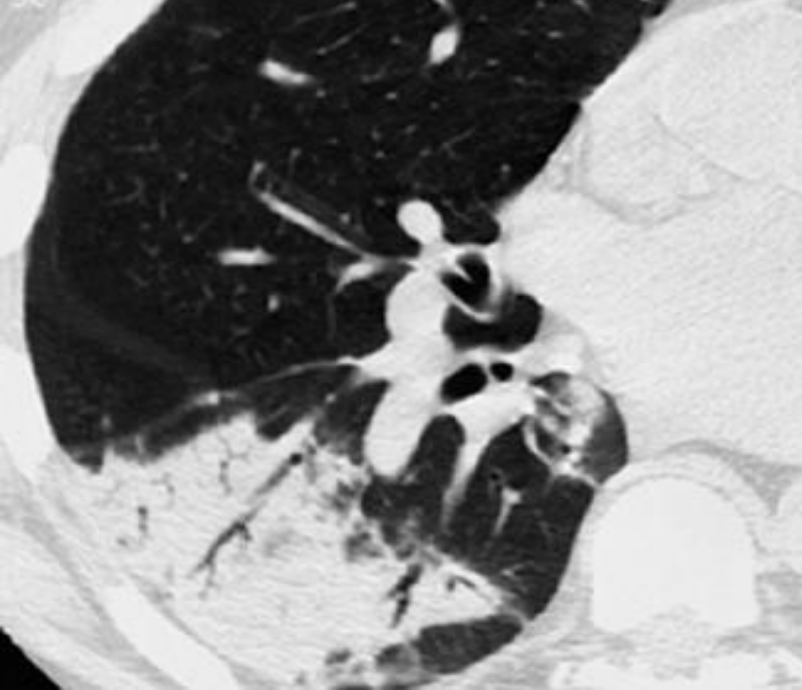
- Rare pleural effusion → Small unilateral or bilateral in 10-30%

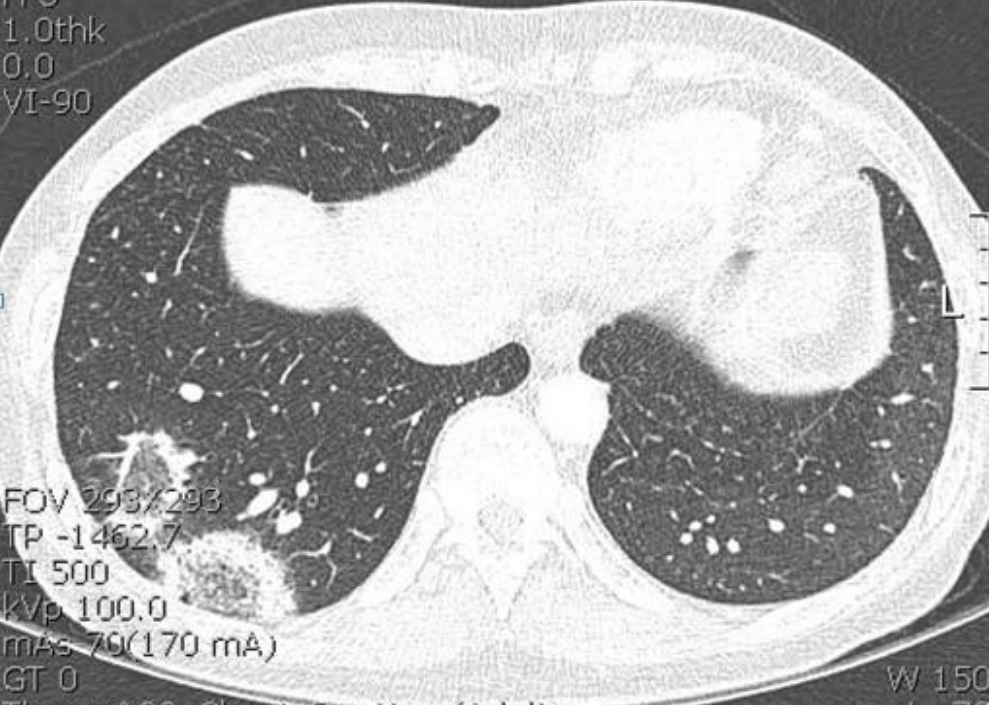
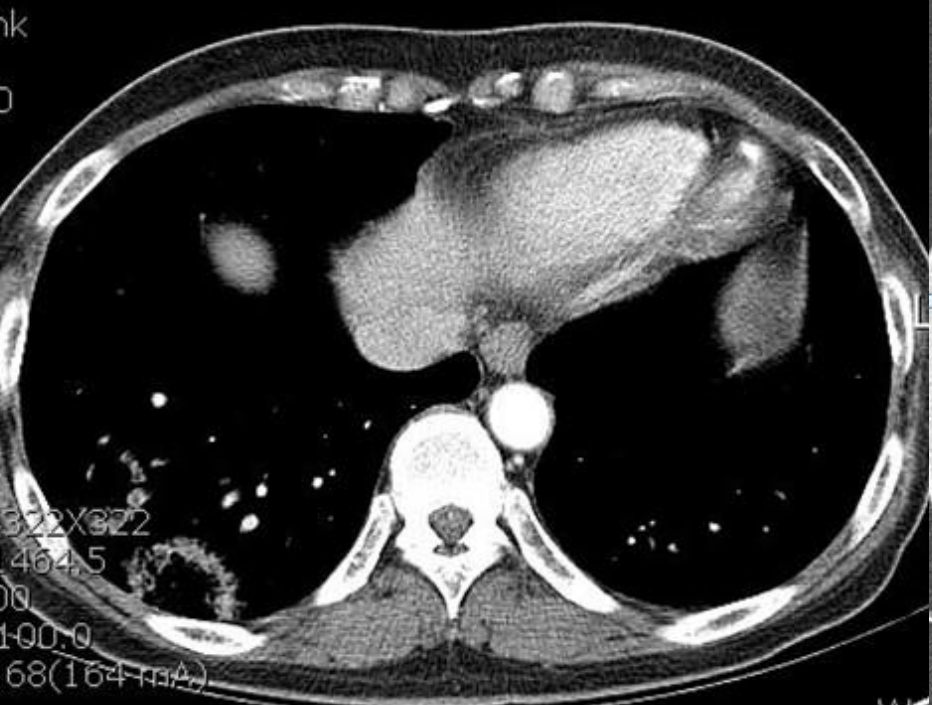
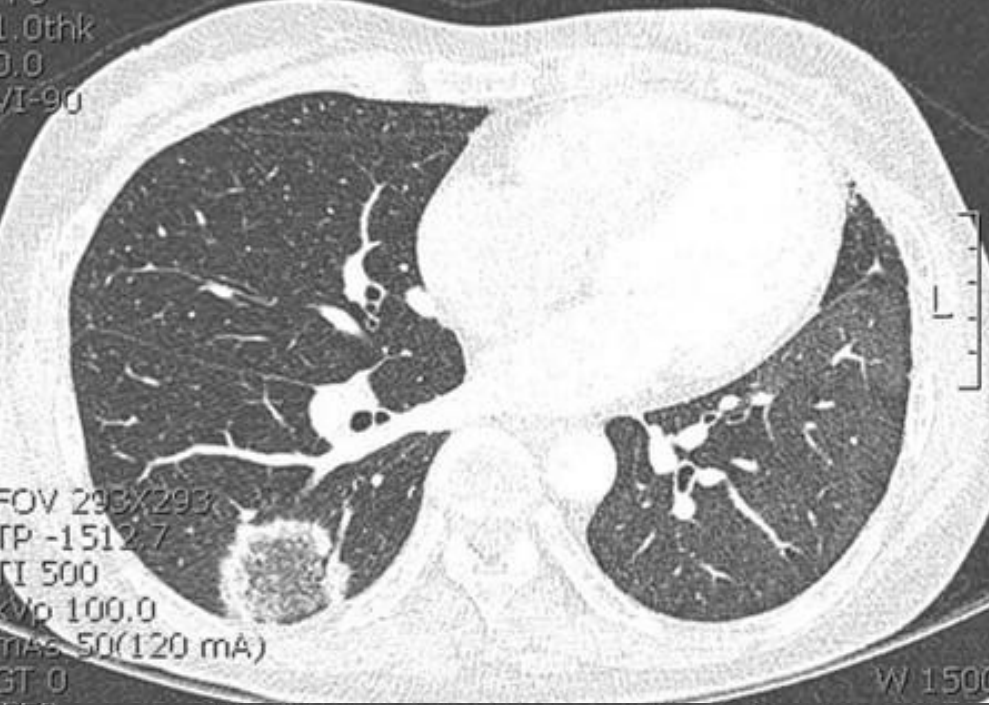
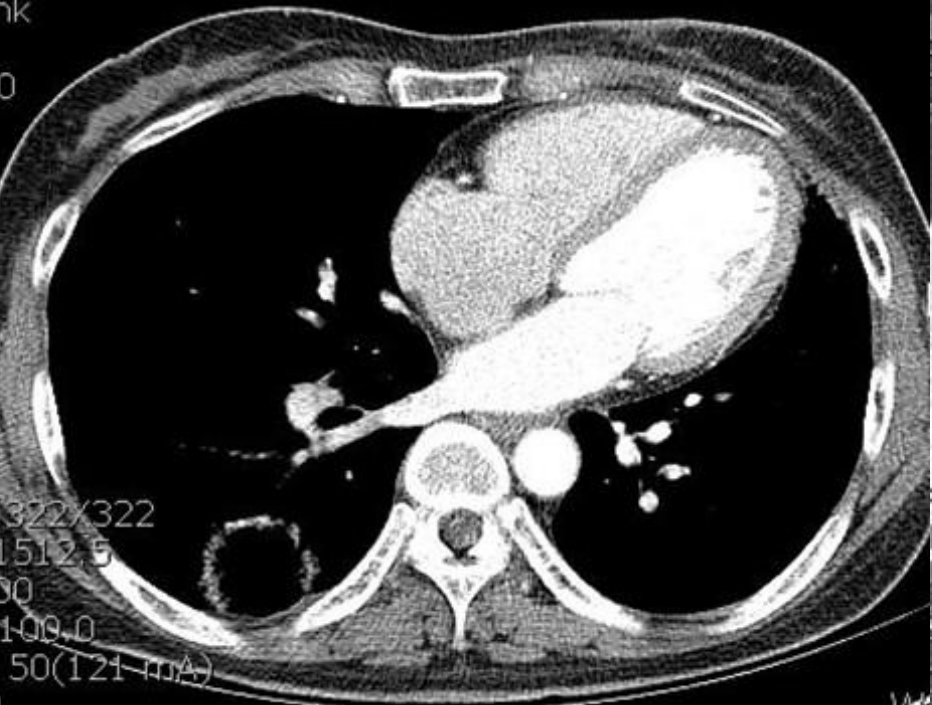
- Good response to oral corticosteroids – Majority recover completely
Need at least 6 months because of frequent relapse

- Reticular opacities

- Subgroup does not completely resolve despite prolonged treatment

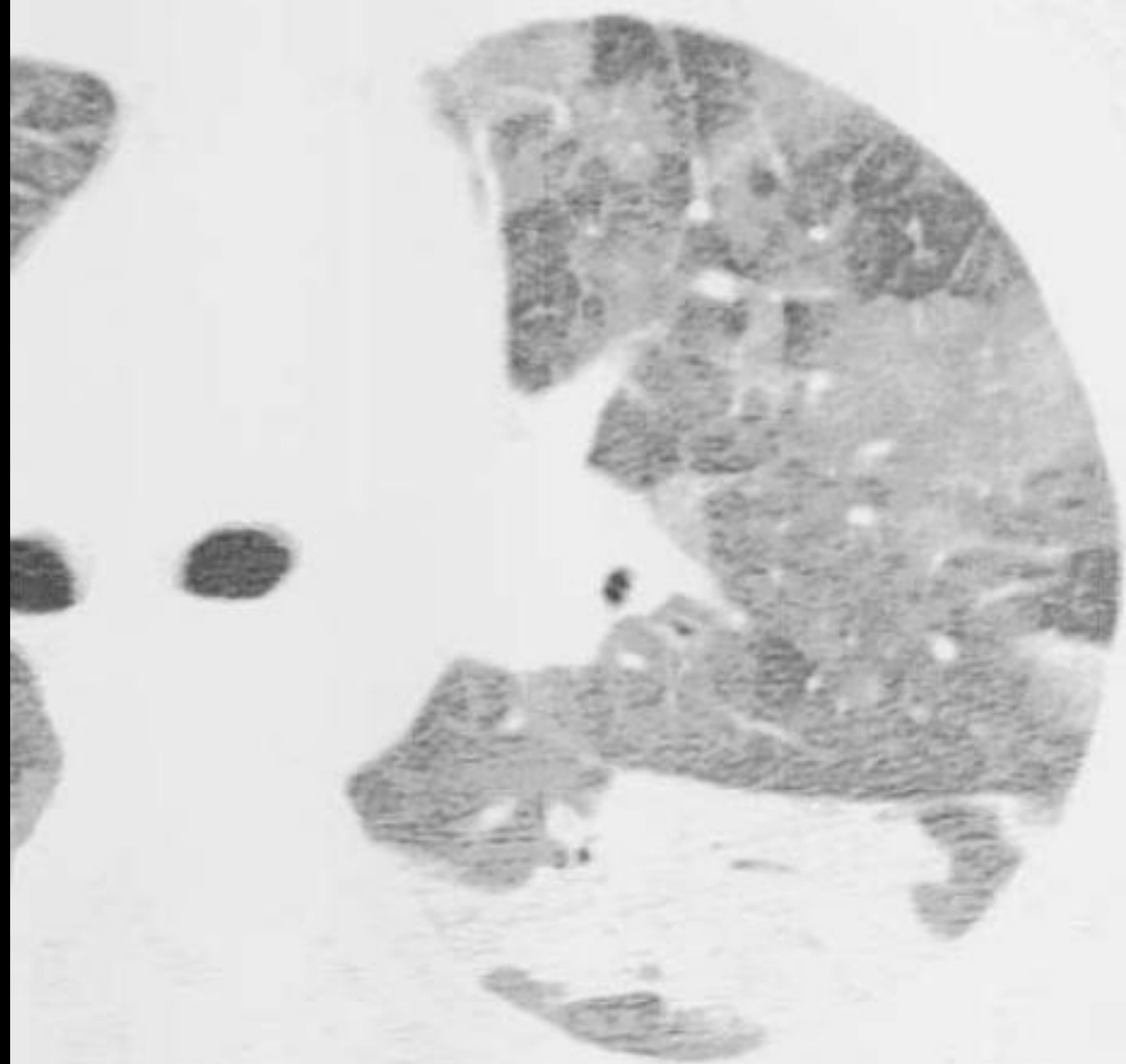
- Some are characterized by residual or progressive interstitial fibrosis
± recurrent episode





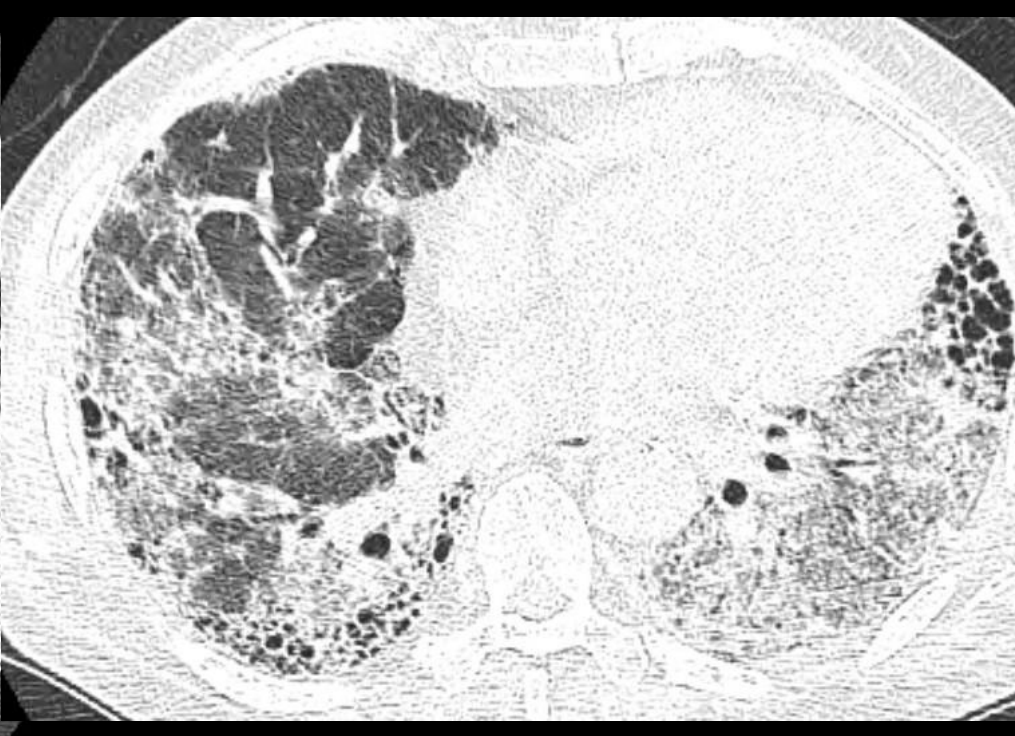
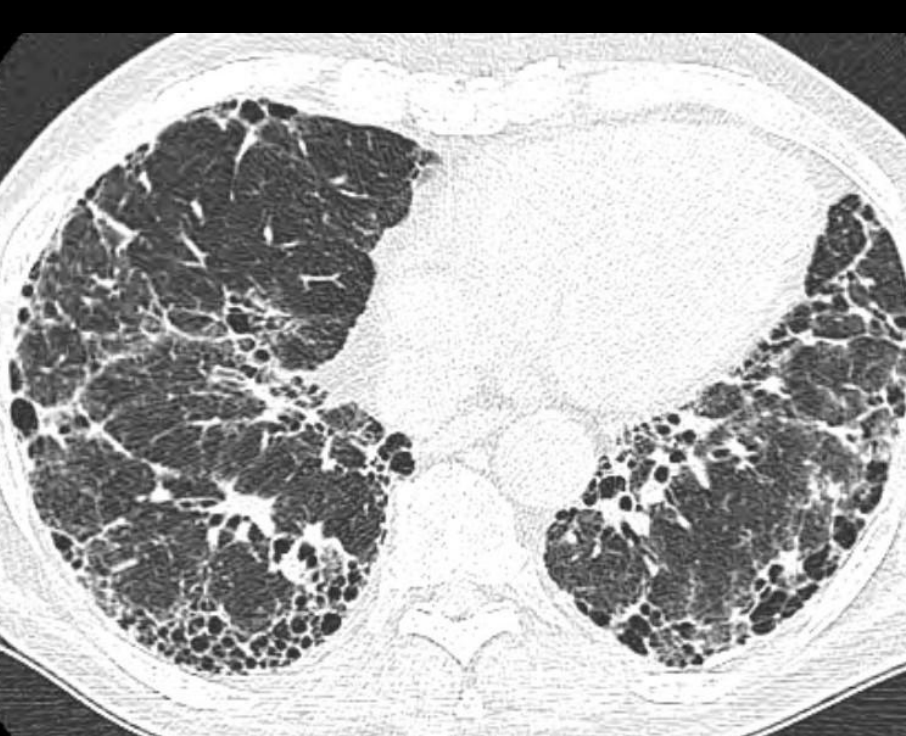
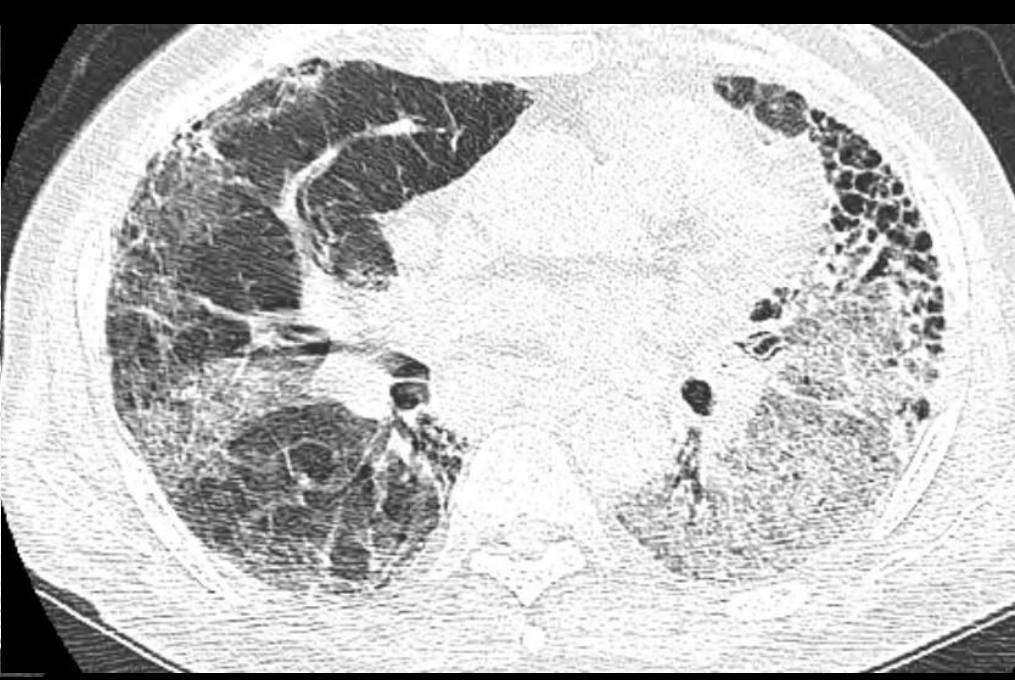
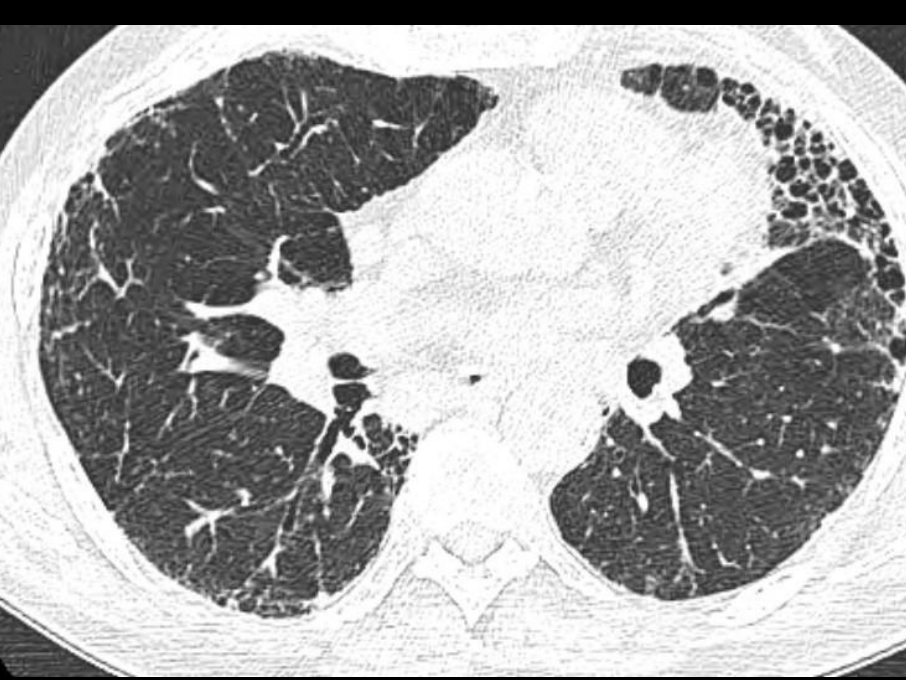
Acute Interstitial Pneumonia

- No proven treatment with more than 50% mortality
- Survivors usually have a good long-term prognosis
 - Similar to ARDS survivors
- Some experience recurrences or chronic, progressive interstitial lung diseases
 - Progress to a pattern similar to fibrotic NSIP or to severe fibrosis resembling honeycombing



Acute Exacerbation of IIP

- Mostly in IPF, but possible in other fibrosing IPs
- Diagnostic criteria
- Acute exacerbation of IPF
 - New bilateral GGO and/or consolidation superimposed on a reticular pattern or honeycombing
 - Pathology
 - Mixed pattern of UIP and DAD
 - OP and prominent fibroblastic foci as acute component



Rare IIPs

Idiopathic lymphoid interstitial pneumonia

Idiopathic pleuropulmonary fibroelastosis (PPFE)

Idiopathic lymphoid interstitial pneumonia

- Idiopathic cases, still rare
- Unchanged criteria proposed in 2002

Idiopathic pleuropulmonary fibroelastosis (PPFE)

- Predominant upper lobes

Fibrosis involving the pleura and subjacent lung parenchyme

Intraalveolar fibrosis with accompanying alveolar septal elastosis

- HRCT

Bilateral irregular pleuroparenchymal thickening

Dense subpleural reticular pattern with fibrosis

Eur Respir J 2012;40:377-85

AJRCCM 2013;188:733-748

Idiopathic pleuropulmonary fibroelastosis (PPFE)

- Majority of cases, probably idiopathic
Infection (aspergillosis), autoimmune, familial
- Adults with a median age of 57 yrs and no sex predilection
Pneumothorax
Recurrent infection
Familial history of ILD and nonspecific autoantibodies
Progressed in 60% with death from disease in 40%

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Rare Histologic Patterns

Not included as new IIP entities

because current data do not support these as distinct IIPs

Acute fibrinous and organizing pneumonia (AFOP)

Interstitial pneumonias with bronchiolocentric distribution

Acute fibrinous and organizing pneumonia (AFOP)

- Acute or subacute clinical setting of DAD or OP but differs from the classic histologic criteria of them
- **Histology**
 - Organizing intraalveolar fibrin deposition (fibrin ball)
 - + Associated OP
 - Typically patchy distribution
 - No classical hyaline membranes of DAD
 - Intraalveolar fibrin-like pattern in EP

Arch Pathol Lab Med 2002;126:1064-70

AJRCCM 2013;188:733-748

Acute fibrinous and organizing pneumonia (AFOP)

- HRCT

Bilateral basal opacities and areas of consolidation

- Idiopathic

Associated with CVD, HP, or drug reaction

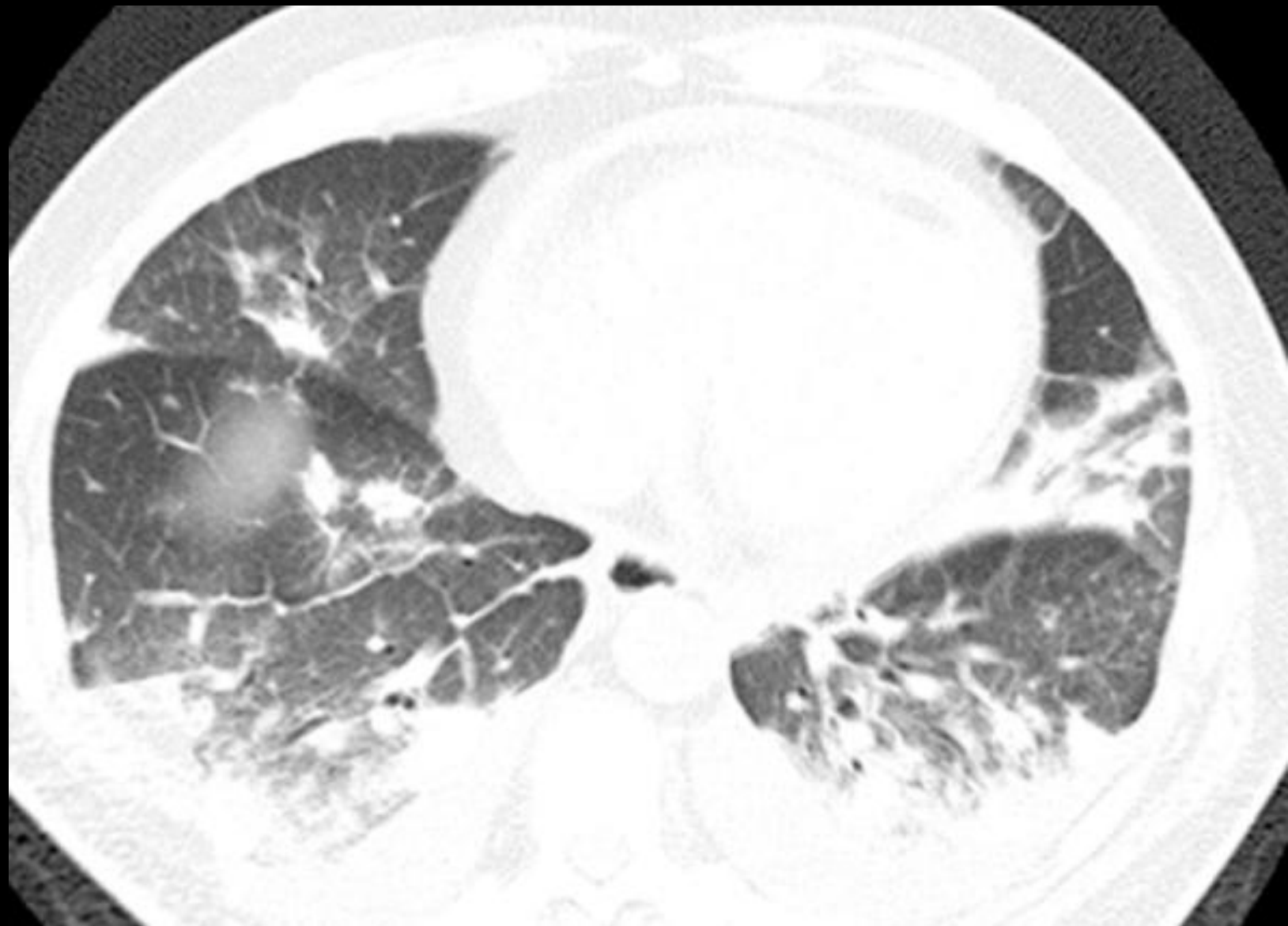
- Onset of dyspnea, fever, cough and hemoptysis

2 distinct patterns of progression and outcome

- Acute or subacute

- Mechanical ventilation (30%)

Overall mortality rate, similar to DAD (> 50%)



Interstitial pneumonias with bronchiolocentric distribution

Idiopathic Bronchiolocentric Interstitial Pneumonia

Mod Pathol 2002;15(11):1148–1153

Airway-centered Interstitial Fibrosis

A Distinct Form of Aggressive Diffuse Lung Disease

Am J Surg Pathol 2004;28:62–68

Peribronchiolar Metaplasia: A Common Histologic Lesion in Diffuse Lung Disease and a Rare Cause of Interstitial Lung Disease

Clinicopathologic Features of 15 Cases

Am J Surg Pathol 2005;29:948–954

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