



# Hypersensitivity pneumonitis: Update of Practice Guideline for ILD

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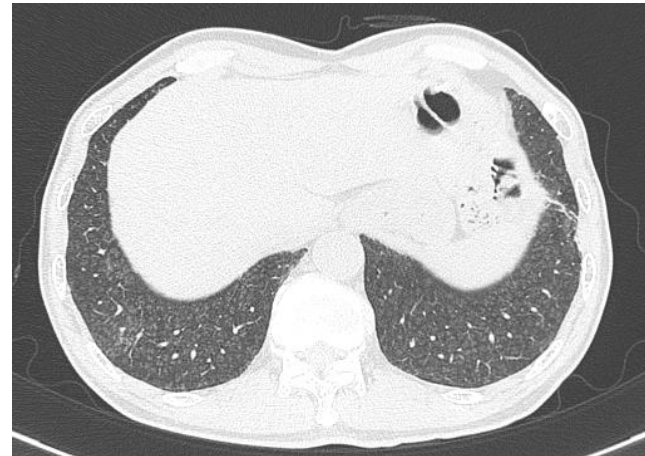
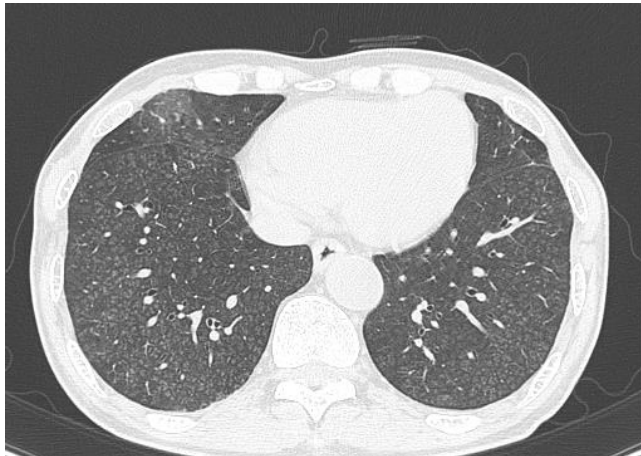
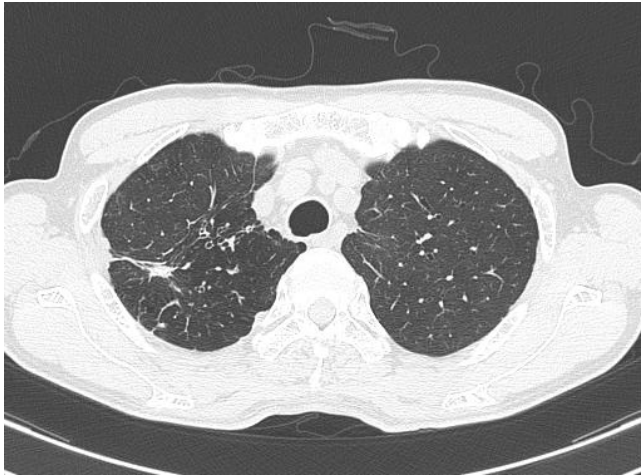
# Case 1

- M/ 66
- CC: Dyspnea, mMRC 2 (onset: 20 days ago)
- PI : gastric cancer로 본원 f/u 중인 분으로  
최근 20일 전부터 발생한  
호흡 곤란을 주소로 내원
- 애너멜 코팅 공장 (중국, 내원 2개월 전부터)
- smoker : 1\* 40 PY
- 애완동물/가구(-/-)  
중국 거주, 2달 전에 최근 공장으로 이직

# CXR (2014.2.9)



# Chest CT (2014.1.28)



# Bronchoscopy

- BAL Fluid (RML, lateral segment)

: clear

WBC: 390 (/μL)

(Neutro: 1%, **Lympho: 82%**, Eosino: 1%,

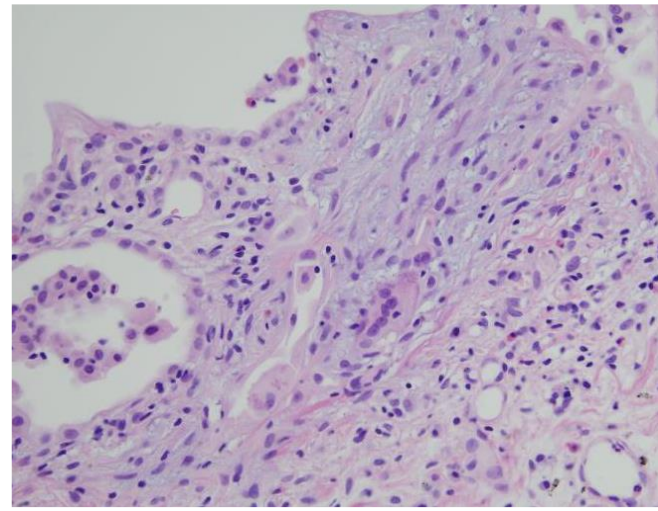
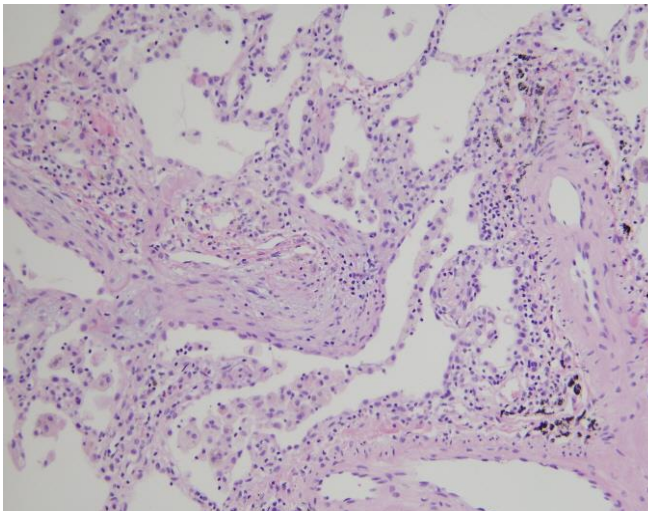
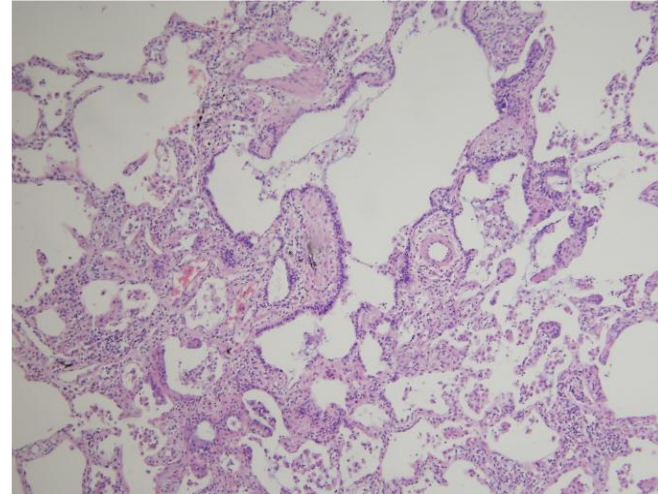
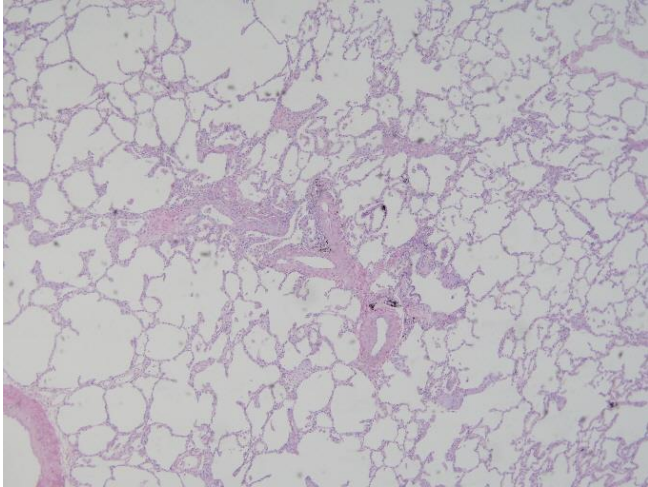
Macrophage: 12%)

**CD4/CD 8 ratio : 0.07**

G/S, AFB, Fungus, Virus: negative



# VATS lung Bx(2014.02.12)

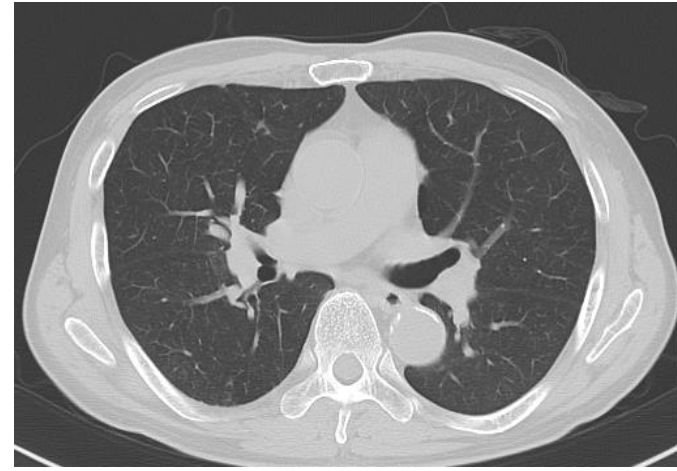




# Progress

- Dx : HP, non-fibrotic
- Tx: 이직 고려  
solondo 0.5mg/kg start

# F/U Chest CT (2014.5.13)





# Case 2

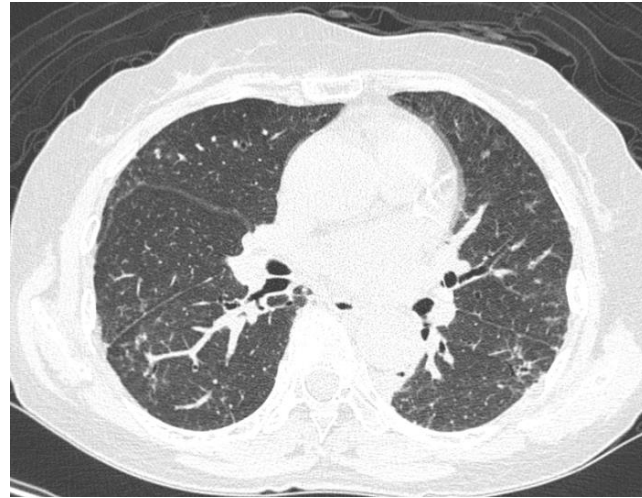
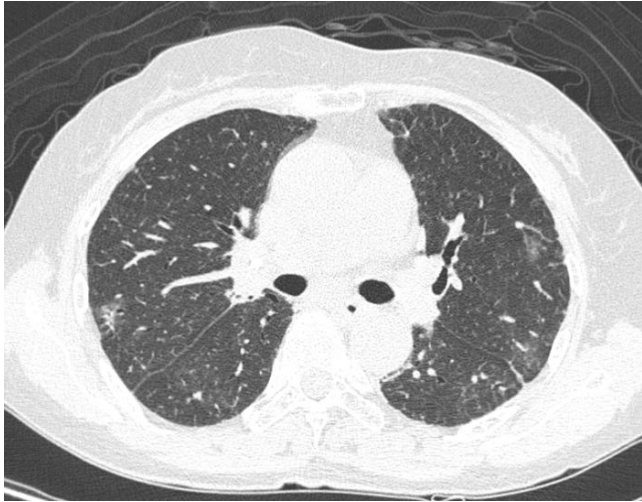
- F/ 64
- CC: Abnormal CXR
- PI : 한달 전 시행한 검진 CXR 이상으로 refer
- 주부
- Alcohol/ smoking (-/-)
- PHx : DM/HTN/TBc/hepatitis(-/+ , 20년 전 진단 /-/+ , CHB carrier)
- 월곡동 햇볕 잘 드는 2층 양옥에서 10여년 넘게 거주
- 새로운 가구/ 애완 동물 /취미 생활 (-/-)

- ROS : C/S(-/-), dyspnea (-)  
rhinorrhea (+): clear  
arthralgia(-), dry mouth/eye(-/-),  
Raynaud phenomenon(-)  
peripheral cold feeling (+)  
skin rash(-), photosensitivity(-)
  
- P/Ex : V/S 130/90-110/min-24/min-36.8C  
coarse breathing sound with crackle on BLLF  
clubbing (-)
  
- Lab : Hb 12.5 g/dL - WBC 4400/ $\mu$ L - Plt 80k/ $\mu$ L  
ESR 66 mm/hr, CRP 1.4 mg/L  
LFT, BUN/Cr, e : WNL  
FANA, ANCA, C3,C4, Anti-ds DNA, Ig A/M/G : negative

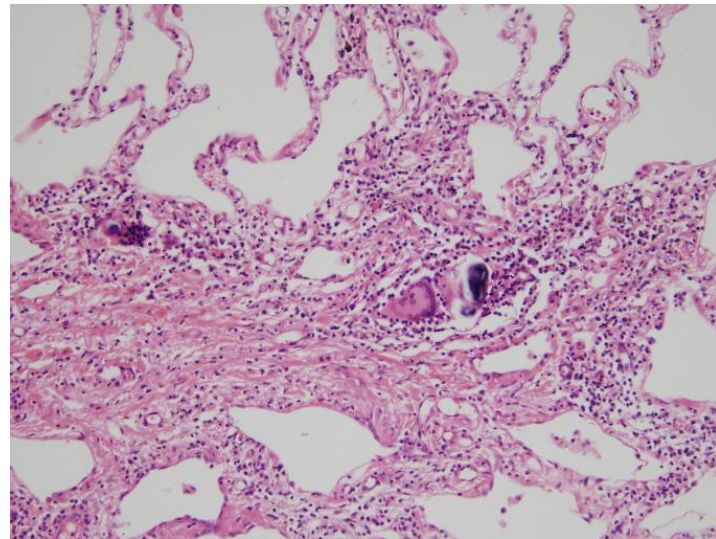
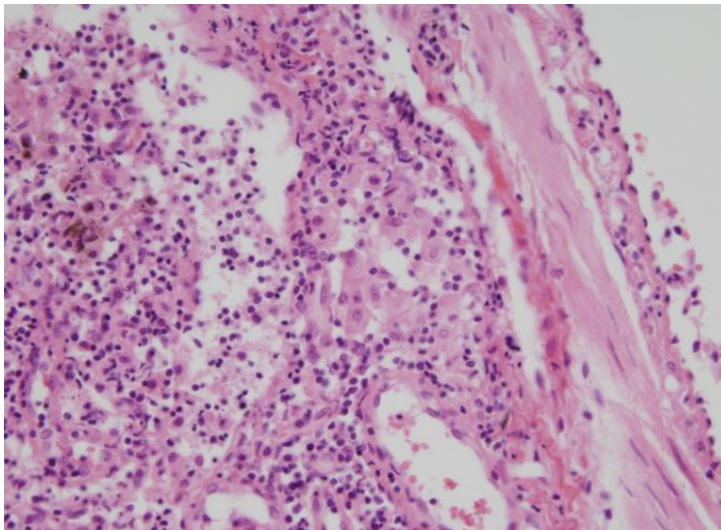
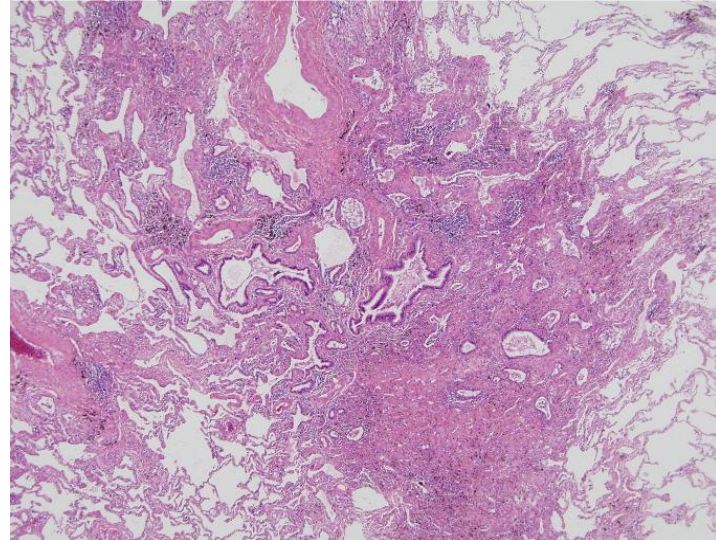
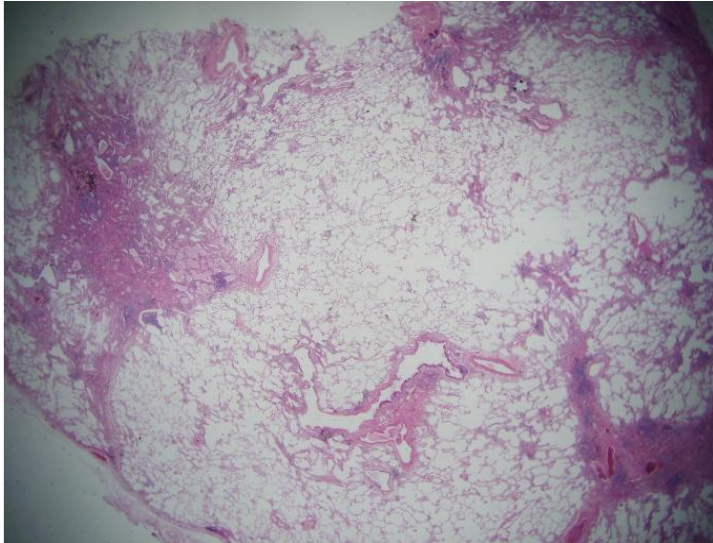
# CXR (2010.1.21)



# HR CT (2010. 02.04)



# VATS lung Bx(2010.03.21)



# History

- 수개월 전부터 중국산 코에 넣는 레이저 기계 사용





# Progress

- 중국산 기계 사용 하지 않도록 하고 외래 추적 관찰 키로 하던 중  
2010년 5월 이후 f/u loss 됨
- 2011년 4월 new onset cough/dyspnea 로 외래 다시 방문  
  
(이전에 사용하였던 중국산 레이저 기계는 지속적으로 사용하였다 함)
- 기계 사용을 중단(?) 하였으나  
호흡기 증상 악화 및 폐 기능 저하 진행
- 2017년 겨울 사망

# Definition

- An inflammatory and/or fibrotic dz affecting the lung parenchyma & small airways
  - Typically results from an immune-mediated rxn provoked by an overt or occult inhaled Ag in susceptible individuals.
  - Historically termed “extrinsic allergic alveolitis”
  - First descriptions similar to HP appeared in 1713.  
(pt who worked with cereals)
- Farmer’s lung : 1932  
 Mushroom worker : 1959  
 Bird-breeder’s lung: 1960

# Clinical Manifestations-subtypes

- Acute, subacute, chronic
  - : vaguely defined in the existing literature
  - & not consistently associated with outcome.
  
- Fibrotic vs. Nonfibrotic HP
  - : determined by the predominant presence or absence of radiologic and/or histopathological fibrosis
  - more objective
  - more consistently associated with the clinical course/outcome.

# Classification-1

- A large prospective multicenter cohort study
- Cluster analysis (clinical Sx, Sn, PFT, CXR, CT, BAL, Blood)

Cluster	Richerson's classification			Total
	Acute	Subacute	Chronic	
1	21	7	13	41
2	7	18	102	127
Total	28	25	115	168

- Cluster 1 : more recurrent Sx (chill, body aches), normal X ray  
Cluster 2 : more clubbing, hypoxemia, restrictive PFT, fibrosis
- Subacute HP is difficult to define.

# Classification-2

	Clinical Behavior	Typical HRCT pattern	Histopathology pattern
<b>Acute HP</b> <b>:Sx duration &lt; 6 m</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Most reversible</li> <li>- Complete resolution possible</li> <li>- Sx related to exposures to the HP induced, which can resolved completely after further avoidance</li> </ul>	Upper- & middle-lobe predominant GGO, poorly defined centrilobular nodules; mosaic attenuation, air trapping or, rarely, consolidation	Inflammatory (cellular) HP lymphoplasmocytic/mononuclear (MΦ) infiltrates Airway-centric lymphocytic infiltrates/peribronchiolar Poorly/loosely formed granulomas Multinucleated giant cells NSIP cellular-like
<b>Chronic HP</b> <b>:Sx duration &gt; 6m</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Potentially reversible to some extent</li> <li>- Risk of progression</li> </ul>	Upper- & middle-lobe predominant fibrosis, peribronchovascular fibrosis, honeycombing, mosaic attenuation, and centrilobular nodules, relative sparing of the bases	Fibrotic HP UIP-like NSIP fibrotic-like Airway-centered fibrosis, NOS Unclassifiable Histopathologic Sn of inflammatory HP can be present on the background of fibrosis

# Clinical Manifestations-Sx, Sn, Px

- Dyspnea, cough, mid-inspiratory squeaks  
wt loss, flu-like Sx(chills, fever, malaise), chest tightness,  
wheezing  
acute vs. insidious  
may recurrent
  
- Poor Px
  - : fibrotic HP (UIP like pattern), smoker, lower baseline VC,  
lack of BAL lymphocytosis,  
persistent exposure to the inciting Ag,  
inability to identify an inciting Ag

# Clinical Manifestations-Epidemiology

- Prevalence of HP varies c regional disparities in climate, occupational exposures and environmental exposures.  
Highest among older individuals  
(> 65 yrs, mean Dx age (fifth or sixth decade))
  
- Incidence : 0.3-0.9 / 100,000  
4.9 - 54.6 / 100,000 bird breeders  
1.67-2.71/100,000 (USA, insurance based analysis)

# Pathogenesis-Immunological dysregulation

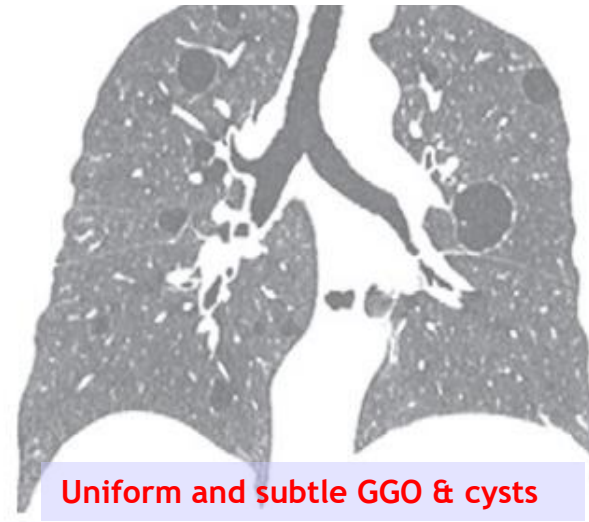
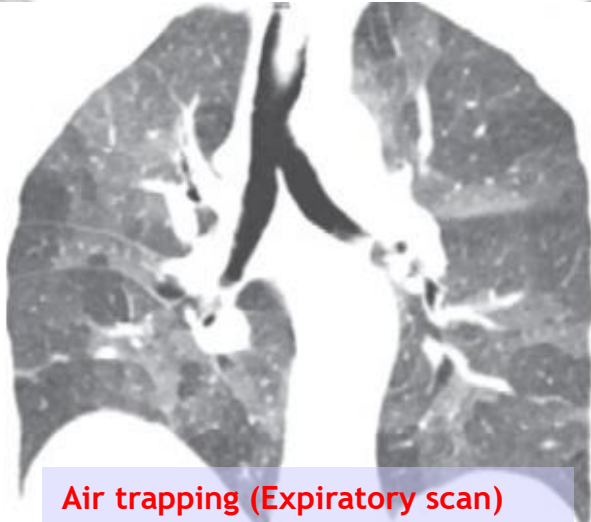
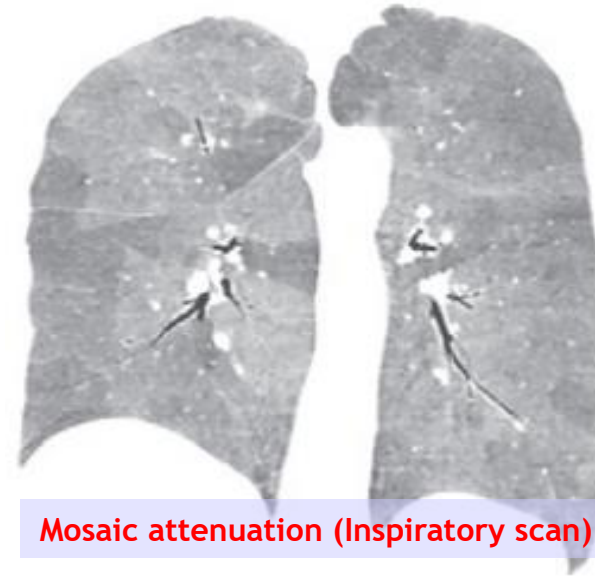
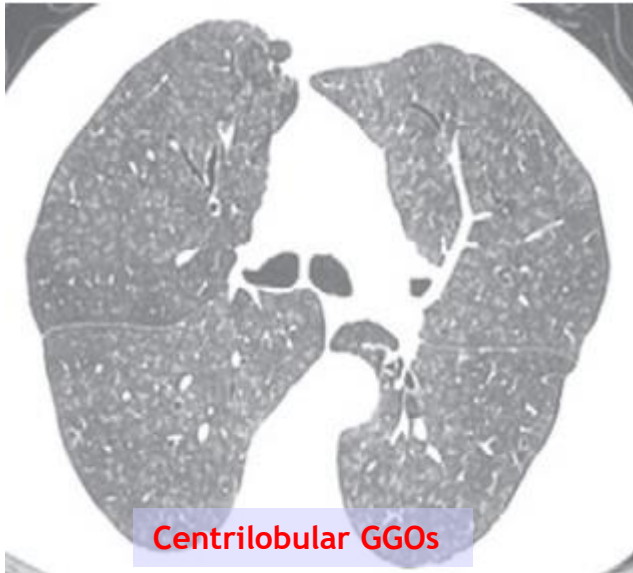
- Humoral (Ag specific IgG )
  - + Cellular (T helper cell type 1) immune responses.
- lymphocytic inflammatory pattern
  - + granulomatous inflammation
- Neutrophilic inflammation may play a role early in the dz course & during subsequent fibrosis.
- Th1 → Th2 contribute to pulmonary fibrosis.
- Genetic susceptibility
  - : polymorphisms in MHC II, proteasome, transporter protein, MUC5B...



# Antigen Detection

- The use of a standardized questionnaire as an aide may be very useful. But it should be validated before using in routine clinical practice.
- Check the presence of serum specific IgG
- Specific inhalation challenge
  - : direct challenge with inhalation → to confirm an etiology
  - not standardized/validated
  - requires experienced personnel and laboratories
- Environmental sampling (ledge, fluid tank, carpet, wall board..)

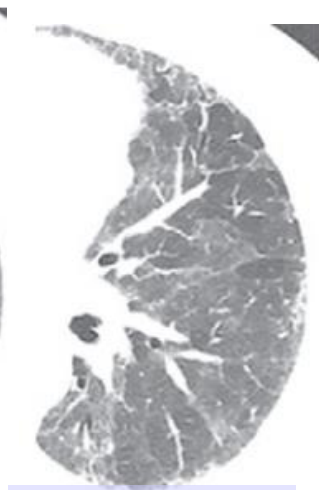
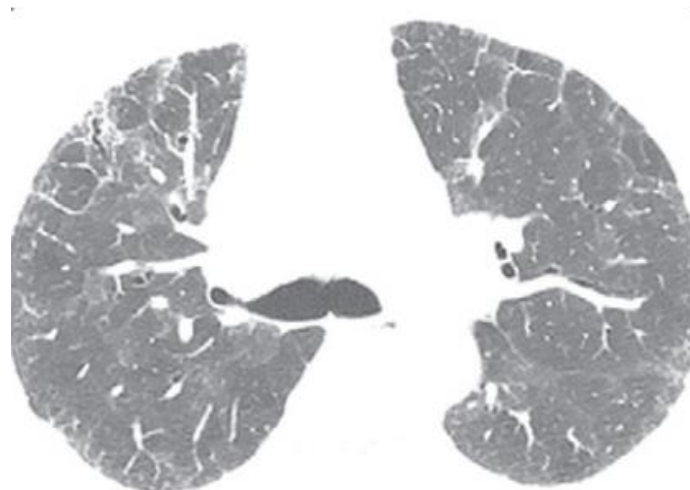
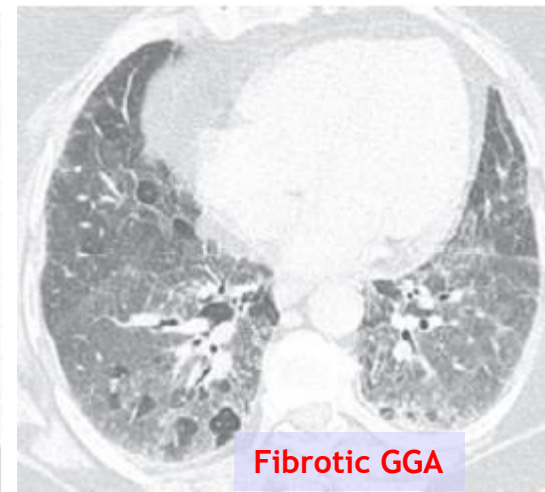
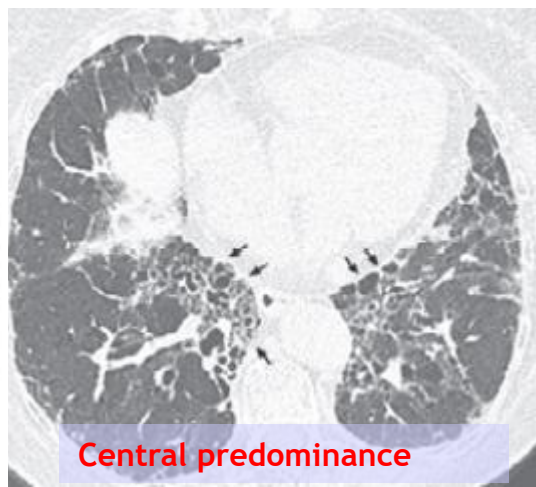
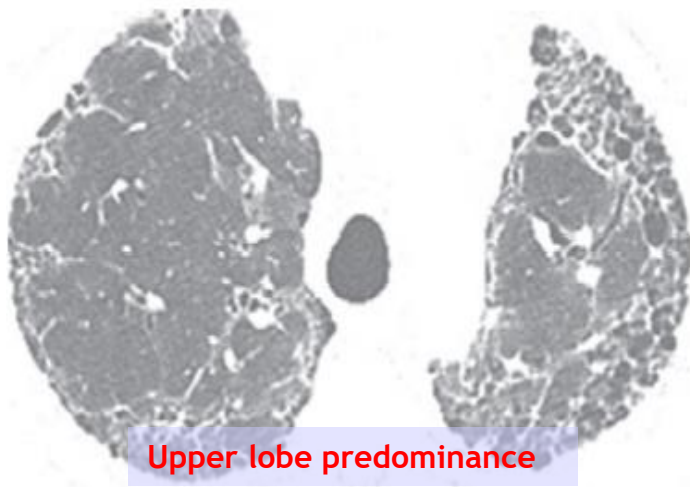
# Radiologic Features-1 (Nonfibrotic)



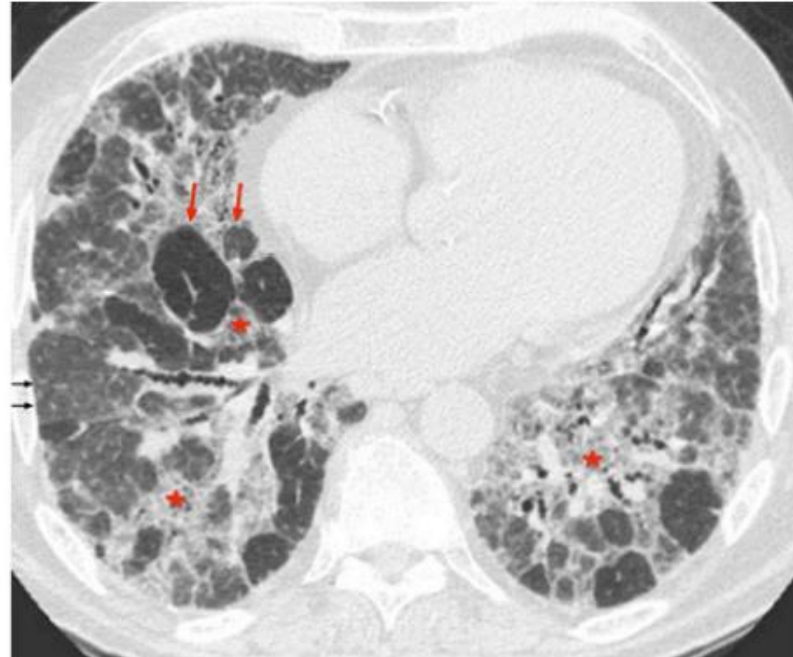
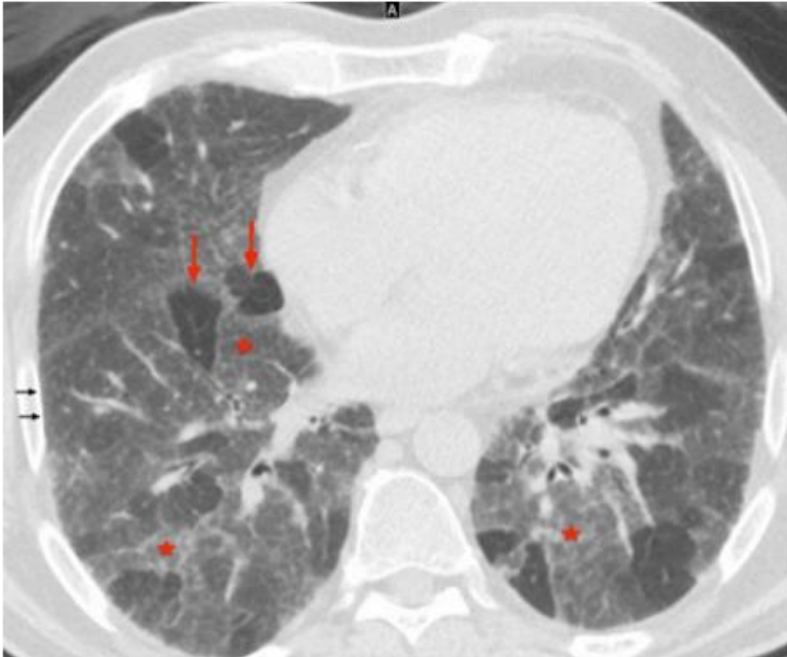
# Radiologic Features-2 (Nonfibrotic)

HR CT pattern	Typical HP	Compatible with HP	Indeterminate for HP
Description	Suggestive of a Dx of HP → Requires a) & b) both in a diffuse distribution a) at least 1 of parenchymal infiltration b) at least 1 of small airway dz	Nonspecific patterns that have been described in HP	N/A
Relevant radiological findings	a) Indicative of parenchymal infiltration : - GGOs - Mosaic attenuation  b) Indicative of small airway dz: - ill-defined centrilobular nodules - air trapping  Distribution : diffuse(craniocaudal, axial)	Parenchymal abnormalities: - Uniform & subtle GGOs - Airspace consolidation - Lung cyst  Distribution: - diffuse - variant : lower lobe predominance peribronchovascular	N/A

# Radiologic Features-3 (Fibrotic)



# Radiologic Features-4 (Fibrotic)

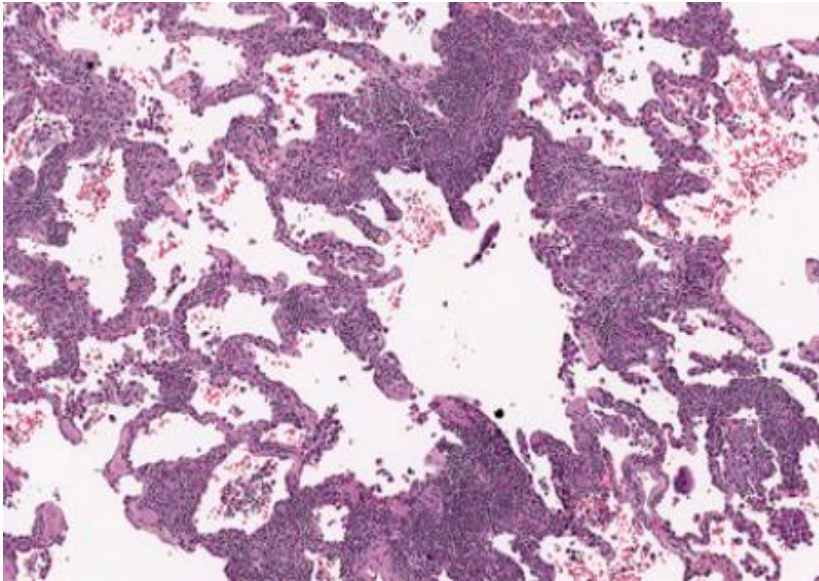


**Three-density pattern**  
 (inspiratory scan (Lt)      expiratory scan (Rt))  
 ( formerly called Headcheese Sn )  
 = Normal + GGOs(infiltration) + Lucent lung(obstruction)

# Radiologic Features-5 (Fibrotic)

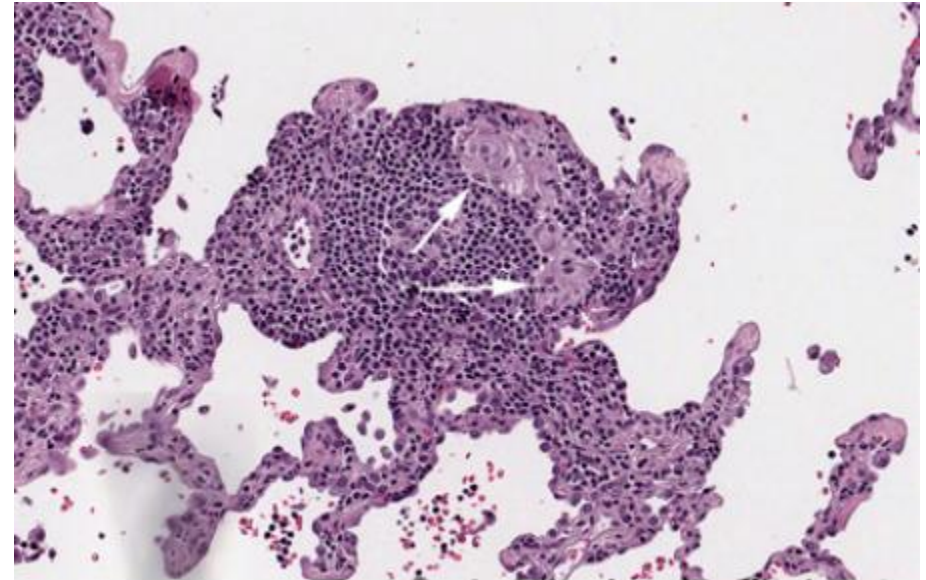
HR CT pattern	Typical HP	Compatible with HP	Indeterminate for HP
Description	Suggestive of a Dx of HP → Requires a) & b) a) lung fibrosis in one of distributions b) at least 1 of small airway dz	Pattern/distribution of lung variant fibrosis + small airway dz	Neither Typical nor compatible
Relevant radiological findings	<p>a) Lung fibrosis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-irregular linear opacities/coarse reticulation c lung distortion traction bronchiectasis, honeycombing</li> </ul> <p>Distribution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- random, mid lung zone predominant or relatively spared in lower lung zone</li> </ul> <p>Indicative of small airway dz:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ill-defined centrilobular nodules/GGO</li> <li>- mosaic attenuation, 3-density pattern, air trapping</li> </ul>	<p>Variant pattern of fibrosis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UIP pattern</li> <li>- Extensive GGOs c superimposed subtle fibrosis</li> </ul> <p>Variant distributions of fibrosis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- peribronchovascular, subpleural area, upper lung zone</li> </ul> <p>Indicative of small airway dz:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ill-defined centrilobular nodules/GGO <u>or</u> 3-density pattern, air trapping</li> </ul>	<p>Lone patterns :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-UIP</li> <li>-fNSIP</li> <li>-OP</li> <li>-Truly indeterminate</li> </ul>

# Histopathologic Features-1



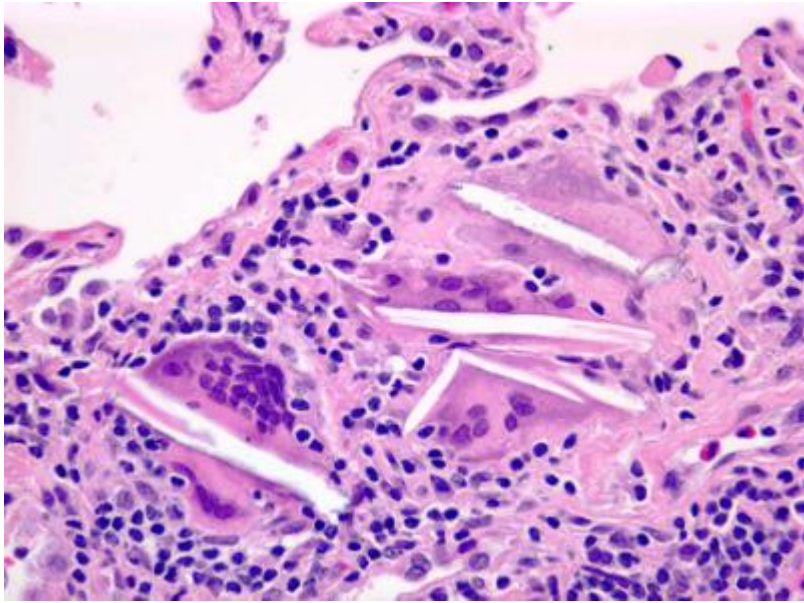
## Cellular bronchiolitis

: peribronchiolar interstitium is expanded by lymphocytes without lymphoid aggregates or follicles

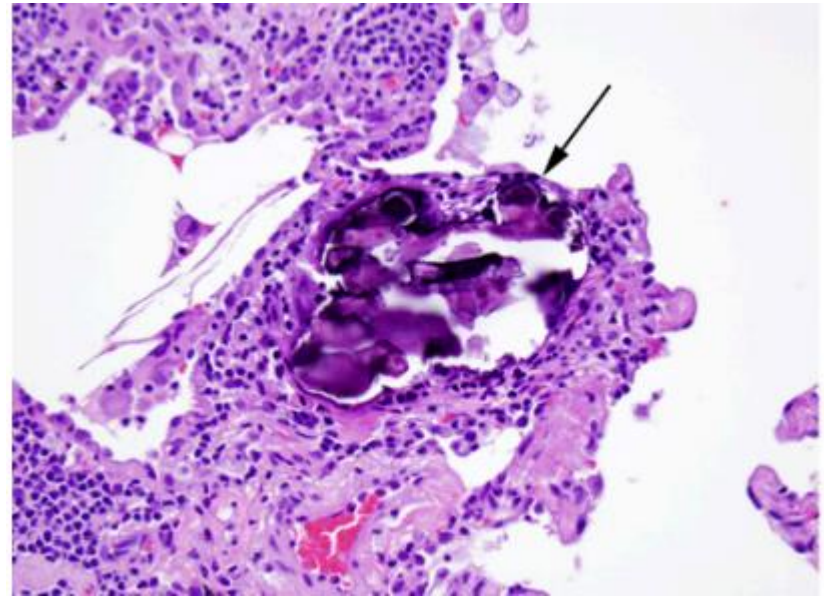


## Poorly formed nonnecrotizing granuloma

# Histopathologic Features-2



Giant cells + cytoplasmic cholesterol-like clefts



Cytoplasmic Schumann body

# Histopathologic Features-3 (Nonfibrotic)

HP	Probable HP	Indeterminate for HP
<p>One Bx site showing 1) +2) +3)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) cellular interstitial pneumonia               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- bronchiolocentric</li> <li>- cellular NSIP-like pattern</li> <li>- lymphocyte-predominant</li> </ul> </li> <li>2) cellular bronchiolitis               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-lymphocyte predominant</li> <li>-± OP pattern</li> <li>-± foamy macrophage</li> </ul> </li> <li>3) poorly formed nonnecrotizing granulomas               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- loose clusters of epithelioid cells/ multinucleated giant cell                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>± intracytoplasmic inclusions</li> </ul> </li> <li>- situated in peribronchiolar interstitium, terminal air space, OP</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p><u>And</u></p> <p>Absence of suggesting an alternative Dx</p>	<p>One Bx site showing 1) +2)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) cellular interstitial pneumonia               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- bronchiolocentric</li> <li>- cellular NSIP-like pattern</li> <li>- lymphocyte-predominant</li> </ul> </li> <li>2) cellular bronchiolitis               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-lymphocyte predominant</li> <li>-± OP pattern</li> <li>-± foamy macrophage</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p><u>And</u></p> <p>Absence of suggesting an alternative Dx</p>	<p>One Bx site showing one of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1) or 2) from 1<sup>st</sup> column</li> <li>- Cellular NSIP</li> <li>- OP</li> <li>- peribronchiolar metaplasia s other features to suggest fibrotic HP</li> </ul> <p><u>And</u></p> <p>Absence of suggesting an alternative Dx</p>

# Histopathologic Features-4 (Fibrotic)

HP	Probable HP	Indeterminate for HP
<p>One Bx site showing 1) or 2) +3)</p> <p>1) Chronic fibrosing interstitial pneumonia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- architectural distortion, fibroblast foci ± subpleural honeycombing</li> <li>- fibrotic NSIP-like pattern</li> </ul> <p>2) Airway-centered fibrosis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ± peribronchiolar metaplasia</li> <li>- ± Bridging fibrosis</li> </ul> <p>3) poorly formed nonnecrotizing granulomas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>± cellular interstitial pneumonia,</li> <li>± cellular bronchiolitis</li> <li>± OP</li> </ul> <p><u>And</u></p> <p>Absence of suggesting an alternative Dx</p>	<p>One Bx site showing 1) +2)</p> <p>1) Chronic fibrosing interstitial pneumonia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- architectural distortion, fibroblast foci ± subpleural honeycombing</li> <li>- fibrotic NSIP-like pattern</li> </ul> <p>2) Airway-centered fibrosi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ± peribronchiolar metaplasia</li> <li>- ± Bridging fibrosis</li> </ul> <p>± cellular interstitial pneumonia,</p> <p>± cellular bronchiolitis</p> <p>± OP</p> <p><u>And</u></p> <p>Absence of suggesting an alternative Dx</p>	<p>One Bx site showing either one of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1) from 1<sup>st</sup> column</li> <li>± cellular interstitial pneumonia,</li> <li>± cellular bronchiolitis</li> <li>± OP</li> </ul> <p><u>And</u></p> <p>Absence of suggesting an alternative Dx</p>

# Diagnostic Criteria-1

- Fibrotic HP should be considered in the DDx for all pts c a fibrotic ILD.
- Previous proposals have limitations such as
  - incorporation bias (serum IgG, BAL studies),
  - incomplete consideration of all informative features,
  - absence of appropriate control groups,
  - inadequate validation (questionnaires).
- No individual feature is sufficient in isolation, nor are any mandatory for Dx.

# Diagnostic Criteria-2

- M/important 3 primary domains
  - 1) exposure identification  
(Hx c/s questionnaire, serum IgG c/s specific inhalation challenge)
  - 2) Imaging pattern
  - 3) BAL lymphocytosis/histopathological findings
  
- Diagnoses as
  - definite ( $\geq 90\%$  confidence)
  - high-confidence (80-89%)
  - moderate-confidence (70-79%)
  - low-confidence (51%-69%)
  
- The Primary goal is to make a confident Dx using the least invasive approach.

# Diagnostic Interventions

	Nonfibrotic	Fibrotic
Using Questionnaire	No recommendation/suggestion for or against. Recommends the development & validation	Distinguishing HP from other ILD
Serum IgG testing	<b>Suggestion</b> , very low confidence	: Sensitivity 83%, specificity 68%
BAL lymphocytosis	<b>Recommendation</b> , very low confidence	Lack of standardization <b>Suggestion</b> , Very low confidence
TB forceps lung Bx	<b>Suggestion</b> , Very low confidence	No recommendation/suggestion for or against
TB lung cryoBx	No recommendation/suggestion for or against	<b>Suggestion</b> , Very low confidence
SLB	Suggestion only when all other diagnostic testing has not yield a Dx, Very low confidence	

# Algorithm for Diagnostic evaluation

Pt c newly detected interstitial lung abnormalities on chest imaging

Exposure assessment (Hx, IgG, inhalation challenge) & HR CT

BAL lymphocytosis c/s TBLB ( suggested for nonfibrotic HP )

Exposure identified & typical HP on CT & BAL lymphocytosis

MDD

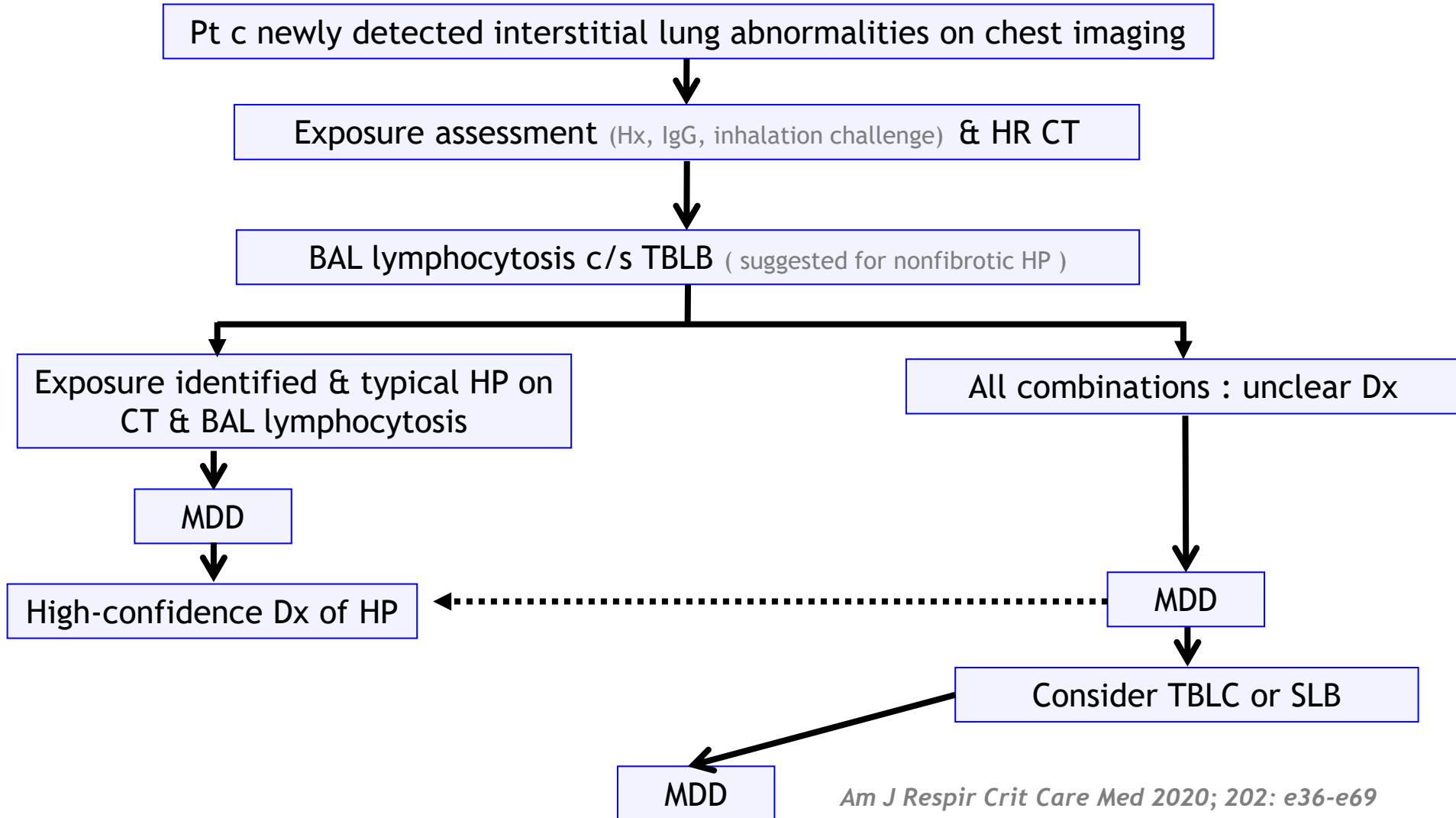
High-confidence Dx of HP

All combinations : unclear Dx

MDD

Consider TBLC or SLB

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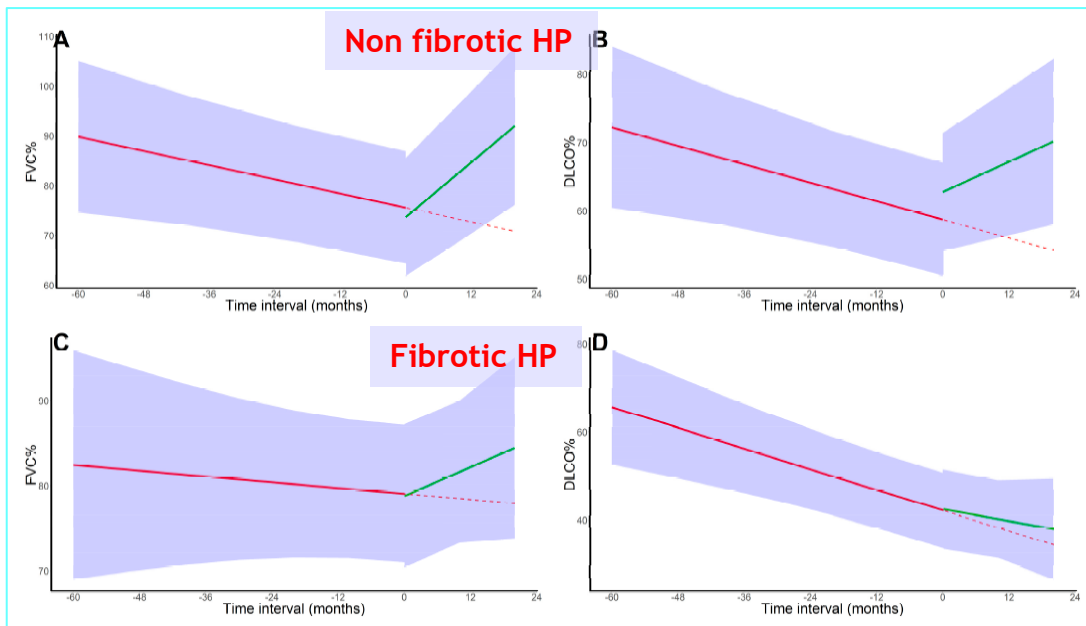


# Algorithm for Diagnostic evaluation

	HRCT					
	Typical for HP		Compatible with HP		Indeterminate for HP	
	Exposure +	Exposure -	Exposure +	Exposure -	Exposure +	Exposure -
History of exposure and/or serum IgG testing						
No BAL or BAL without lymphocytosis and either no histopathology or indeterminate histopathology	Moderate confidence	Low confidence	Low confidence	Not excluded	Not excluded	Not Excluded
BAL lymphocytosis without histopathology sampling	High confidence	Moderate confidence	Moderate confidence	Low confidence	Low confidence	Not excluded
BAL lymphocytosis with indeterminate histopathology	Definite	High confidence	Moderate confidence	Moderate confidence	Low confidence	Not excluded
Probable HP histopathology	Definite	High confidence	High confidence	Moderate confidence	Moderate confidence	Low confidence
Typical HP histopathology	Definite	Definite	Definite	Definite	Definite	High confidence*

# Treatment-1

- Exposure avoidance



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A single center cohort study (Belgium)  
Non-fibrotic (n=93) vs. fibrotic (n=109)

Red line : before terminating exposure  
Green line : after terminating exposure

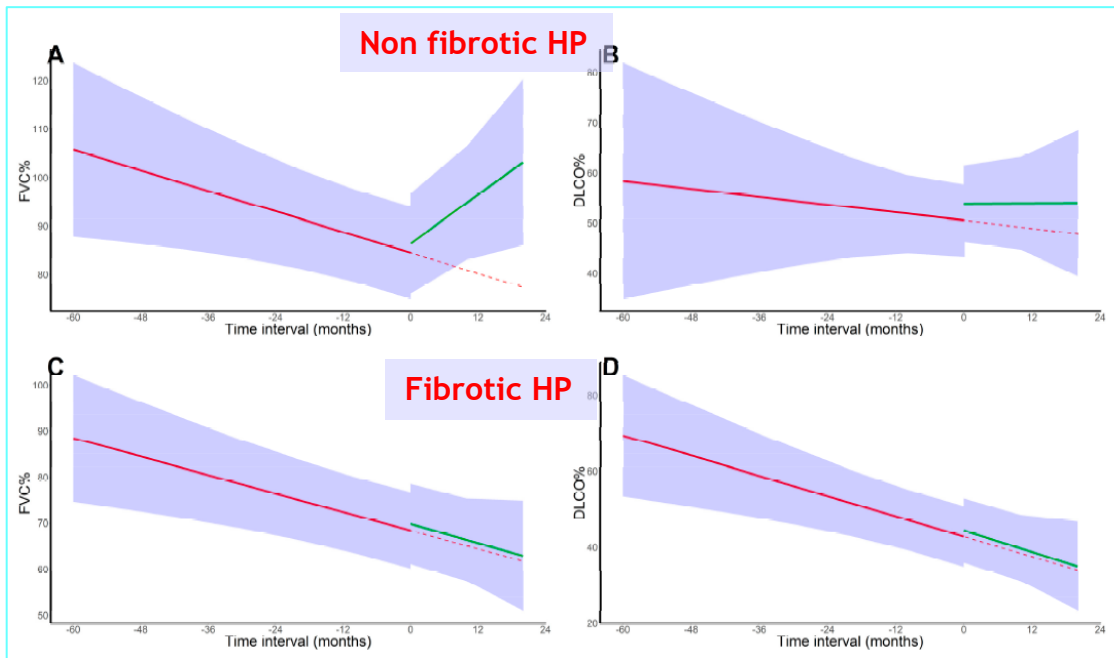
Fibrosis: extensive fibrosis,  
traction bronchiectasis,  
honeycombing

## Treatment-2

- Steroid
  - : varying doses & duration
    - ( 0.5 mg/kg for a few days
    - slow tapering over several months to a year or longer)
  
- 1 RCT
  - acute farmer's lung
  - steroid (n=20) vs placebo (n=16) for 8 wk
  - steroid improved lung function more rapid
    - but no influence on the lung term result (5 yrs)

# Treatment-3

## ■ Steroid



2005.1-2016.12

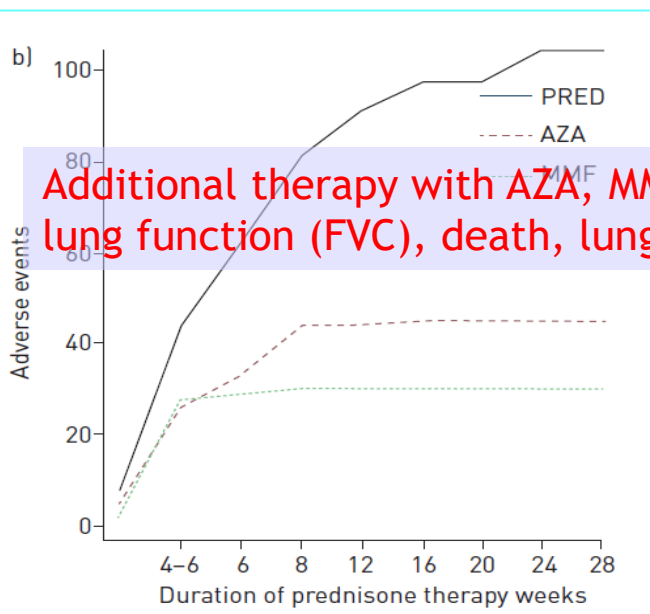
A single center cohort study (Belgium)  
Non-fibrotic (n=93) vs. fibrotic (n=109)

Red line : before steroid

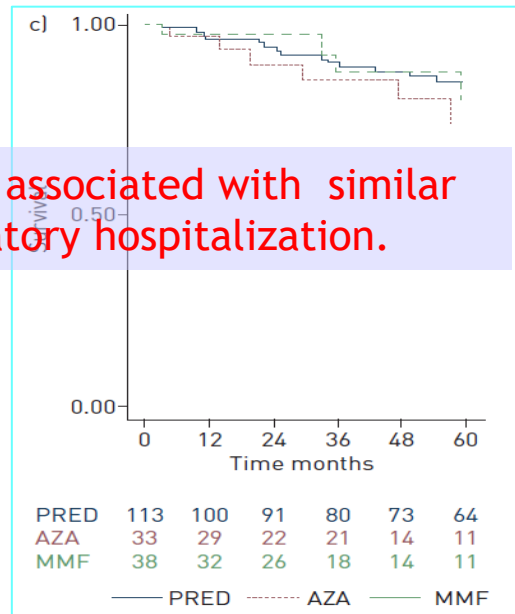
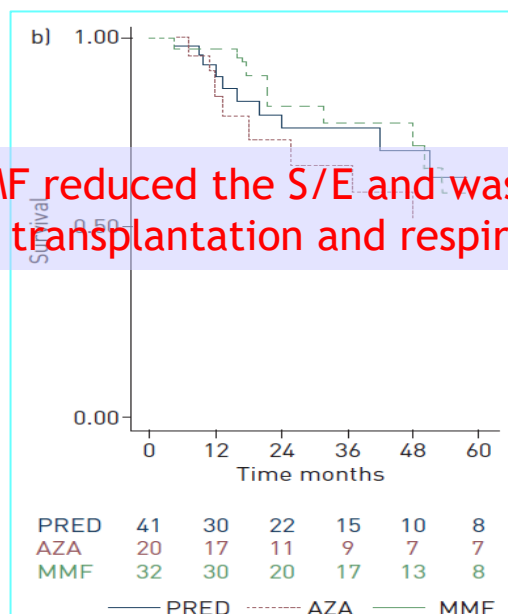
Green line : after steroid

# Treatment-4

- Immune-modulating agents  
steroid only vs. steroid + azathioprine/mycophenolate mofetil



Additional therapy with AZA, MMF reduced the S/E and was associated with similar lung function (FVC), death, lung transplantation and respiratory hospitalization.



2006-2015, Chicago (131 HP 중 93명 치료받음)

Pred only (n=41), 40mg/d x 11 wk

Pred + AZA(n=20), 40mg/d+ 125mg/d x 8 wk

Pred + MMF(n=32), 20mg/d + 2000mg/d 9 wk

External validation(4 center,184 HP)

Pred only (n=113)

Pred+AZA (n=33)

Pred+MMF (n=38)

# Treatment-5

## ■ Leflunomide, USA, retrospective, 1 center

28 cHP

Nonfibrotic (n=14, fibrosis ≤20%)

Fibrotic (n=14, fibrosis > 20%)

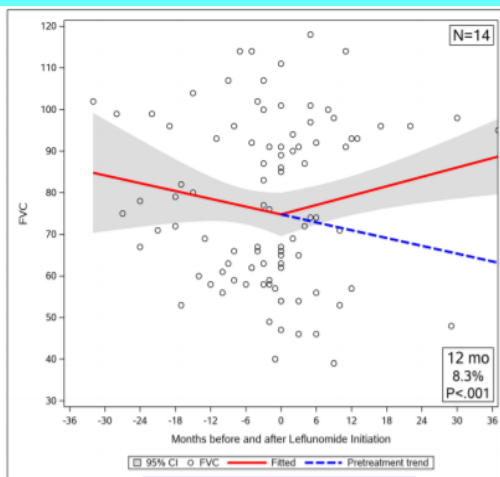
Steroid ± AZA/MMF/cyclophosphamide

→ adding Leflunomide

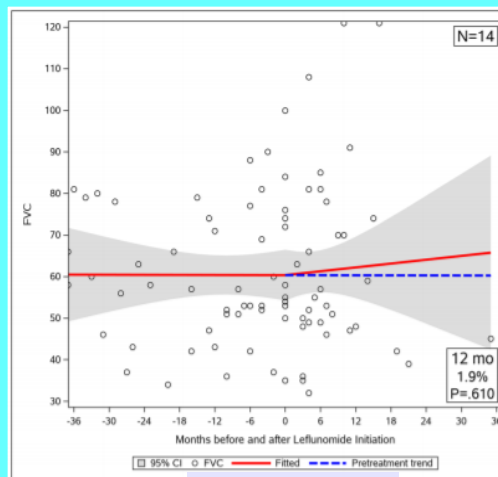
Median duration: 293 days

S/Ex: GI Sx(D, N, LFT), skin rash, neuropathy

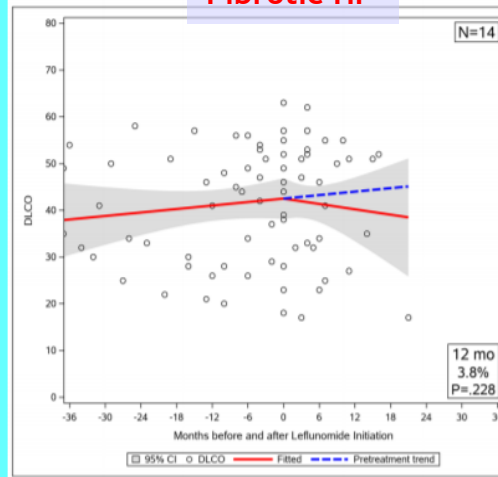
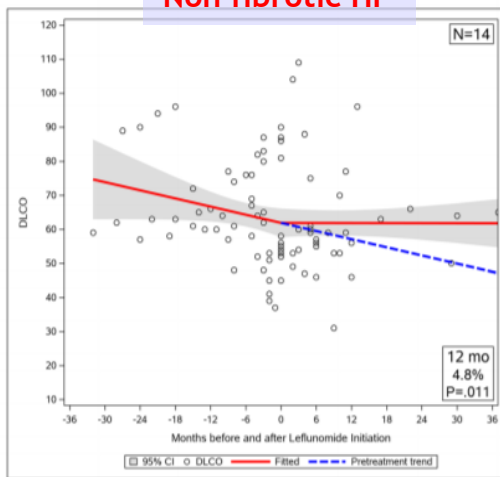
→ Discontinuation(40%)



Non fibrotic HP



Fibrotic HP



# Treatment-6

Agent	Study design	Population	Aims	Primary outcome	Main result
Nintedanib (INBUILD)	Phase III, RCT	Progressive fibrosing ILD (cHP, 26%)	Efficacy & safety	Annual rate of FVC decline	Nintedanib was effective in reducing in the annual rate of FVC decline
Pirfenidone (RELIEF)	Phase II, RCT	Progressive fibrotic ILD (cHP, 45%)	Efficacy & safety	$\Delta$ FVC % from baseline to week 48	Pirfenidone might attenuate dz progression as measured by decline in FVC

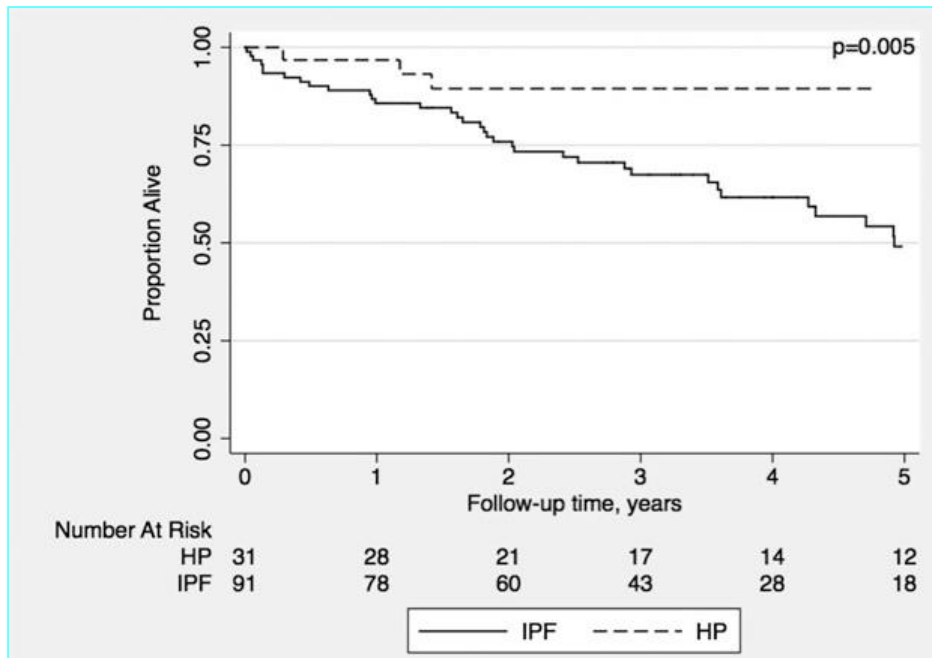
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# Treatment-7

- Lung transplantation

2000.1~2013. 7, Retrospective cohort study, UCSF (USA)  
 31 HP vs. 91 IPF (among 183 lung transplantation for ILD)  
 excellent survival after LT relative to IPF  
 2 (among 31) developed recurrent HP in their allografts.



# Summary

- HP must be considered in the DDx for pt c newly identified ILD.
- HP was categorized into 2 subtypes : nonfibrotic vs. fibrotic.
- Need for a thorough Hx & a validated questionnaire, serum IgG testing.
- For **nonfibrotic HP**, recommendation for BAL lymphocyte and suggestion for TBLB and SLB.  
For **fibrotic HP**, suggestion for BAL lymphocyte, TB cryoBx and SLB.
- Diagnostic criteria and algorithm were made.
- More consensus/evidence is necessary for Tx of HP.