

# LUNG TRANSPLANTATION in ILD

## Special Considerations and Outcomes

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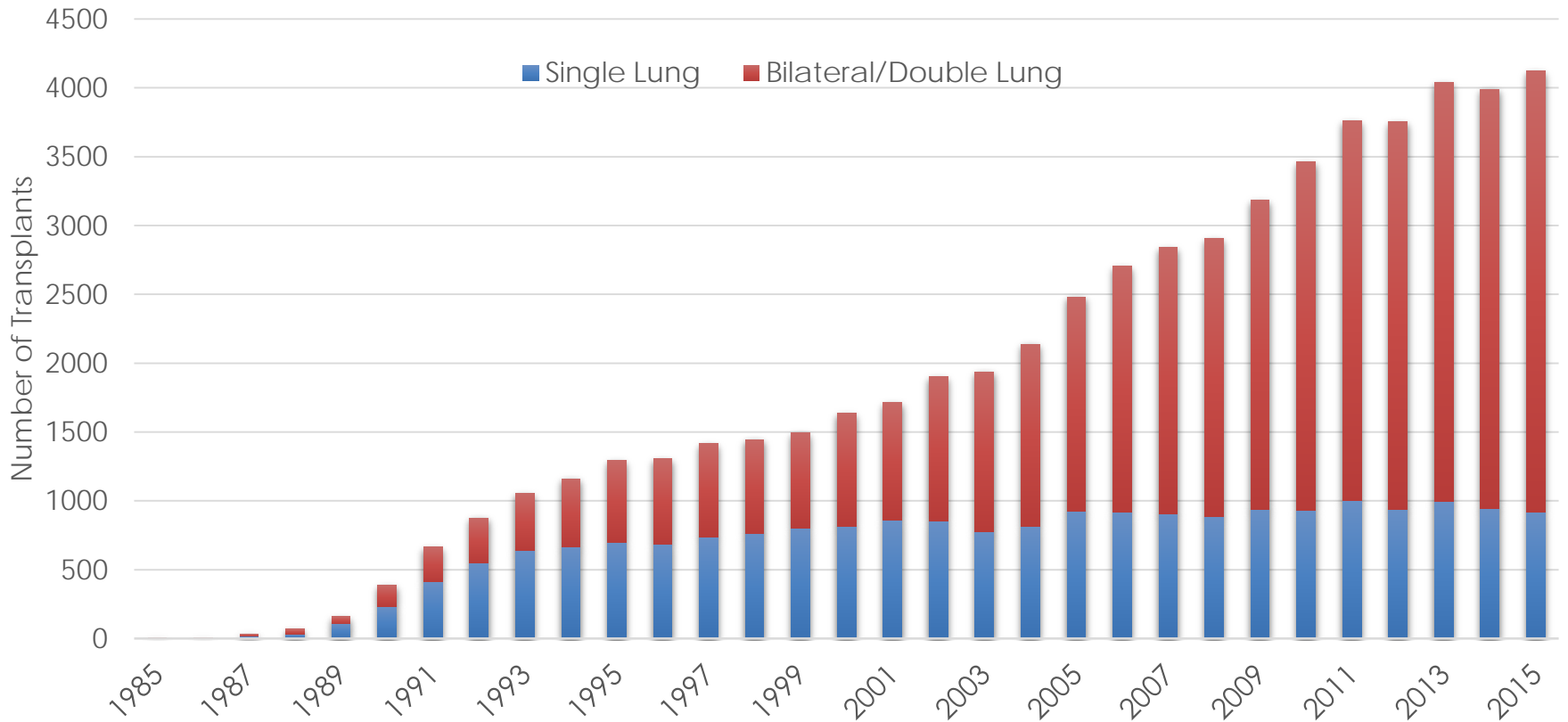


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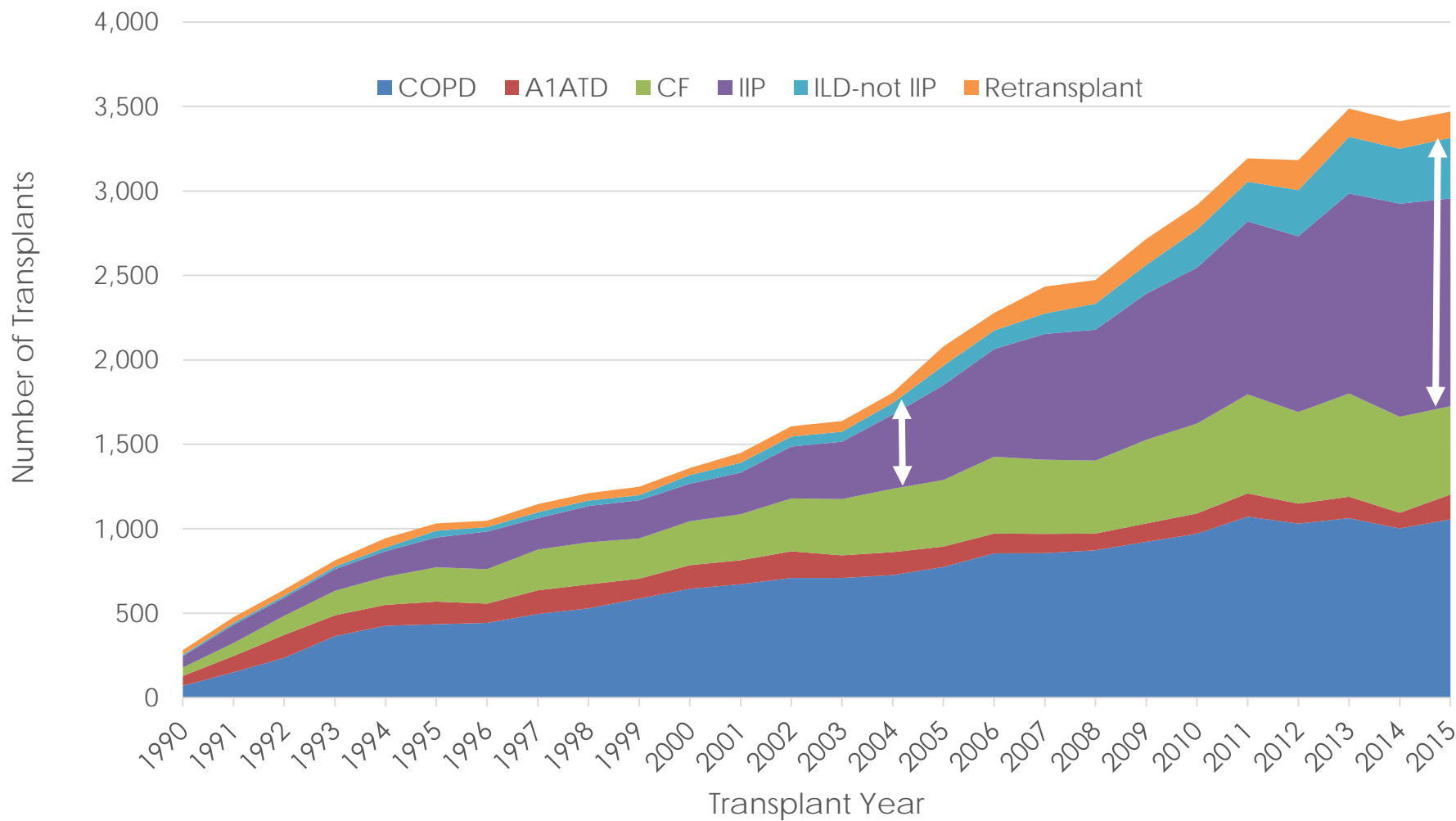


# Adult Lung Transplants

## Number of Transplants by Year and Procedure Type



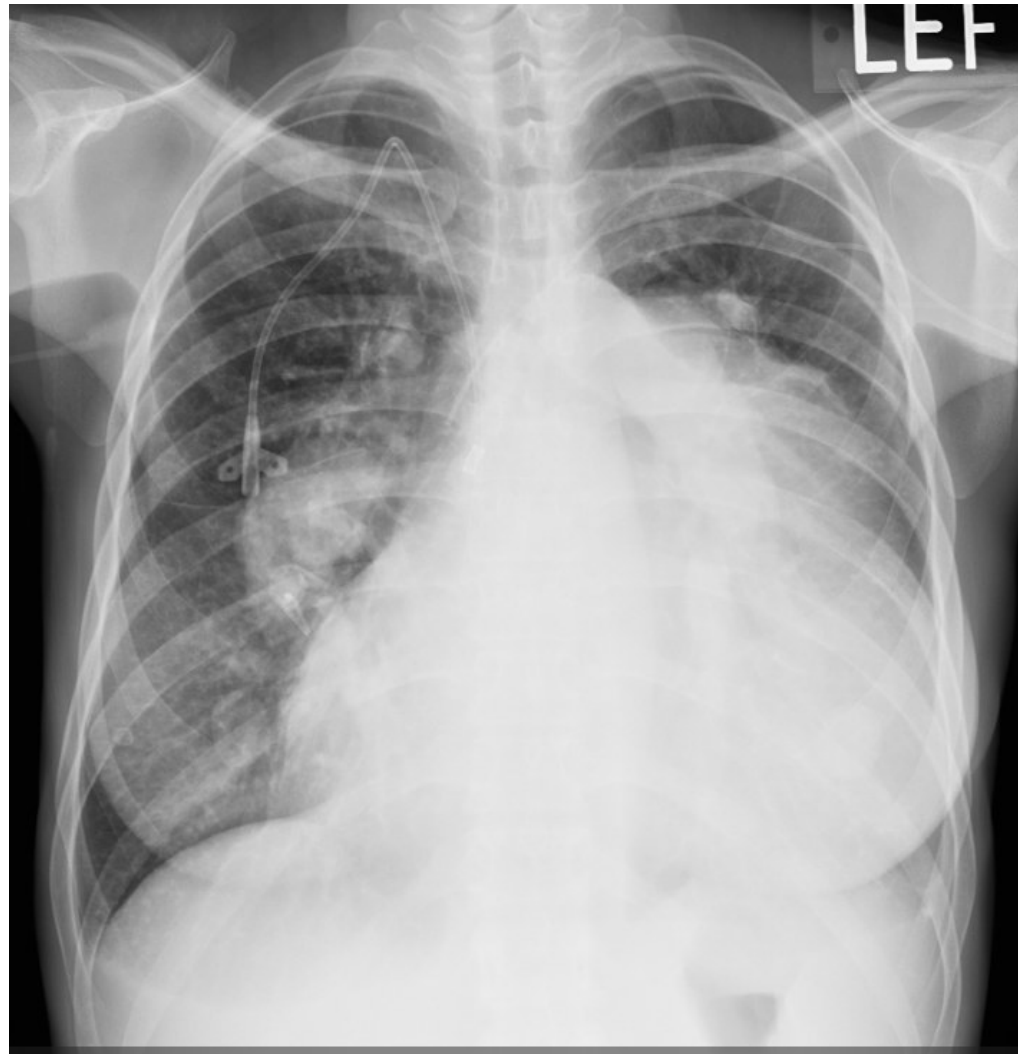
# ILD – the Leading Indication for Lung Transplantation



# ILD Specific Considerations

- Connective Tissue Disease
- GERD
- Pulmonary Hypertension
- Familial Fibrosis – Telomerase Mutations
- Anti-fibrotic therapy

45 yo female with SLE, complicated by PAH, nephritis, arthritis, cytopenias



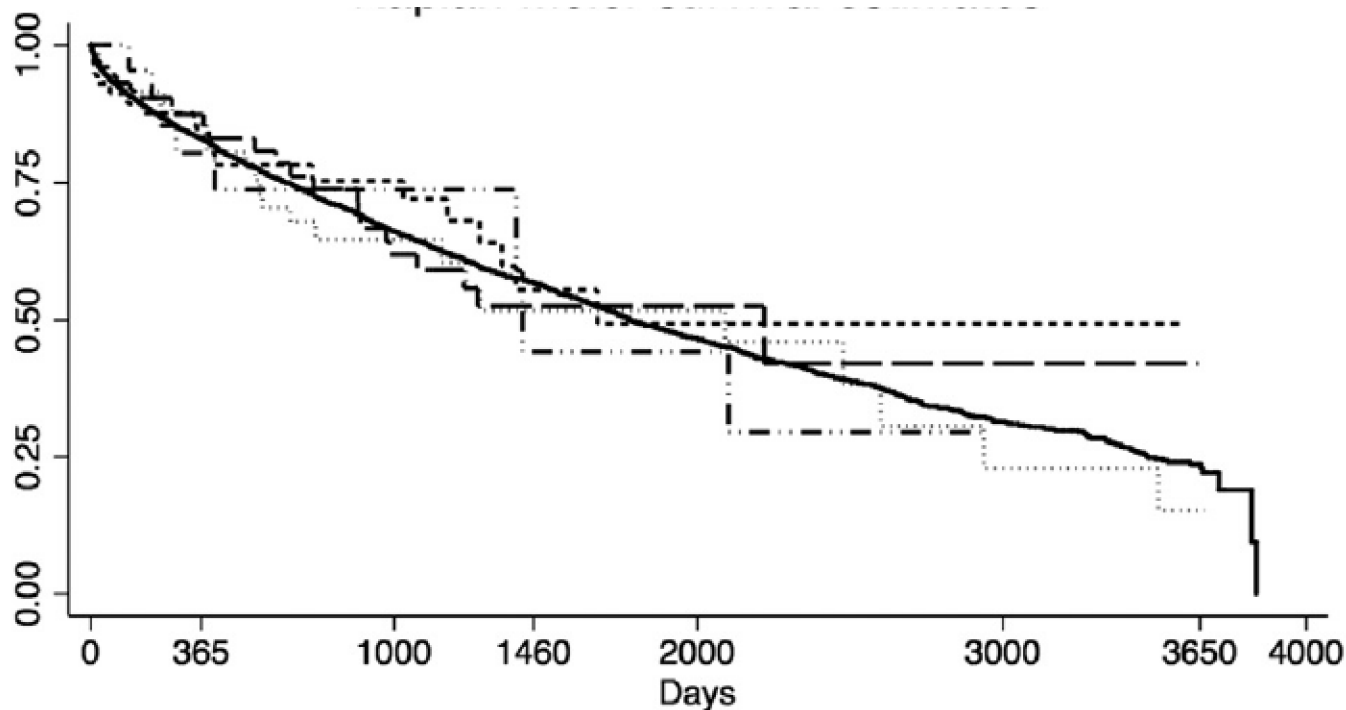
DIAGNOSIS	SLT (N = 12,339)	BLT (N = 18,334)	TOTAL (N = 30,673)
COPD/Emphysema	5,769 ( 46.8% )	4,839 ( 26.4% )	10,608 ( 34.6% )
Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis	3,995 ( 32.4% )	2,938 ( 16.0% )	6,933 ( 22.6% )
Cystic Fibrosis	214 ( 1.7% )	4,941 ( 26.9% )	5,155 ( 16.8% )
Alpha-1	728 ( 5.9% )	1,225 ( 6.7% )	1,953 ( 6.4% )
Idiopathic Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension	78 ( 0.6% )	894 ( 4.9% )	972 ( 3.2% )
Pulmonary Fibrosis, Other	424 ( 3.4% )	537 ( 2.9% )	961 ( 3.1% )
Bronchiectasis	50 ( 0.4% )	815 ( 4.4% )	865 ( 2.8% )
Sarcoidosis	236 ( 1.9% )	547 ( 3.0% )	783 ( 2.6% )
Re-Transplant: Obliterative Bronchiolitis	253 ( 2.1% )	219 ( 1.2% )	472 ( 1.5% )
Connective Tissue Disease	127 ( 1.0% )	232 ( 1.3% )	359 ( 1.2% )
Obliterative Bronchiolitis (Not Re-Transplant)	80 ( 0.6% )	237 ( 1.3% )	317 ( 1.0% )
LAM	101 ( 0.8% )	207 ( 1.1% )	308 ( 1.0% )
Re-Transplant: Not Obliterative Bronchiolitis	127 ( 1.0% )	162 ( 0.9% )	289 ( 0.9% )
Congenital Heart Disease	43 ( 0.3% )	224 ( 1.2% )	267 ( 0.9% )
Cancer	6 ( 0.0% )	26 ( 0.1% )	32 ( 0.1% )
Other	108 ( 0.9% )	291 ( 1.6% )	399 ( 1.3% )



# CTD-ILD (Non Scleroderma) and Lung Transplantation

- Systemic disease
  - Risks of renal failure (SLE)
  - Liver disease (MCTD)
  - Thromboembolic disease (SLE)
  - Lymphoproliferative disease (RA)
- Higher potential for allo-sensitization
- Is there a difference in survival, allograft function or extra-pulmonary dysfunction post transplant

# CTD-ILD (Non Scleroderma) and Lung Transplantation - Survival



Compared to IPF

- Younger
- Female
- No more allo-sensitized

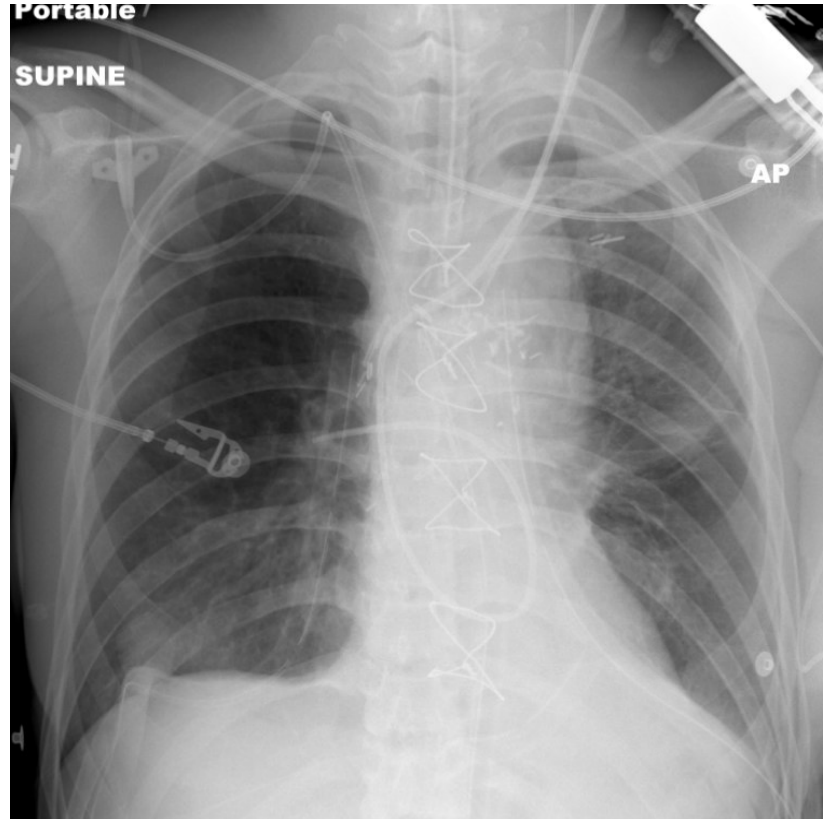
No Difference in:

- AR / BOS
- Need for Dialysis
- Liver disease
- Lympho-Prolif. Dz

— Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis      - - - Mixed Connective Tissue Disease  
..... Rheumatoid Arthritis      ..... Idiopathic Inflammatory Myopathies  
- · - · - Sjogren's Disease



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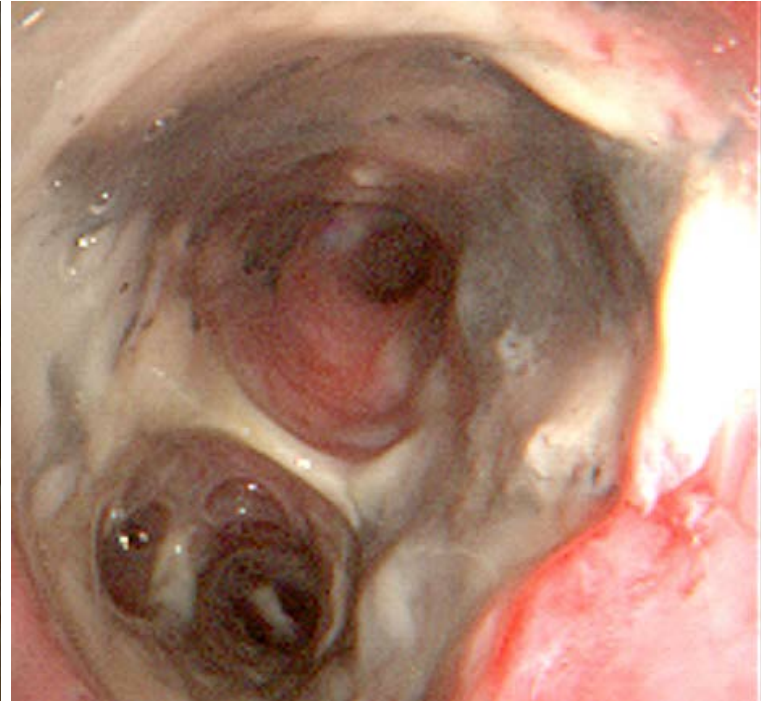
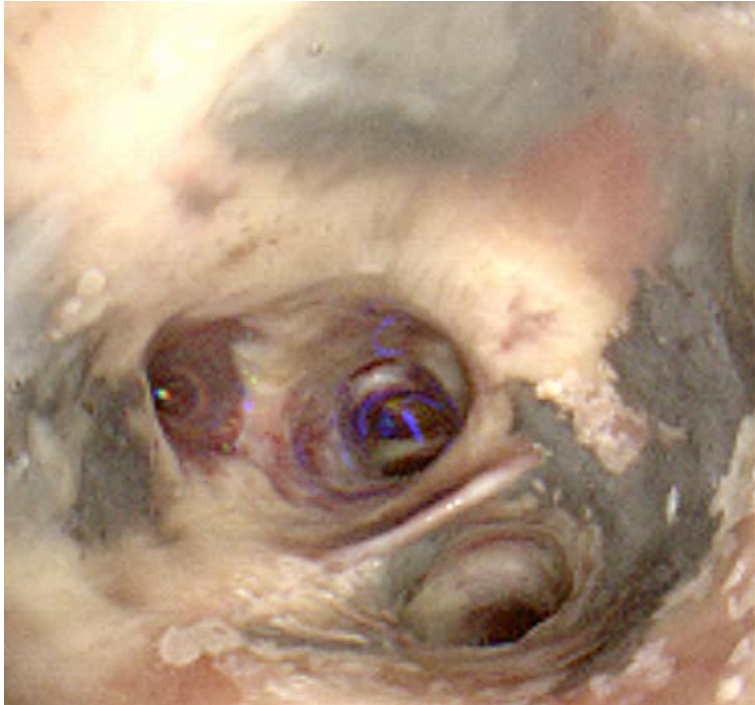


# Scleroderma - ILD

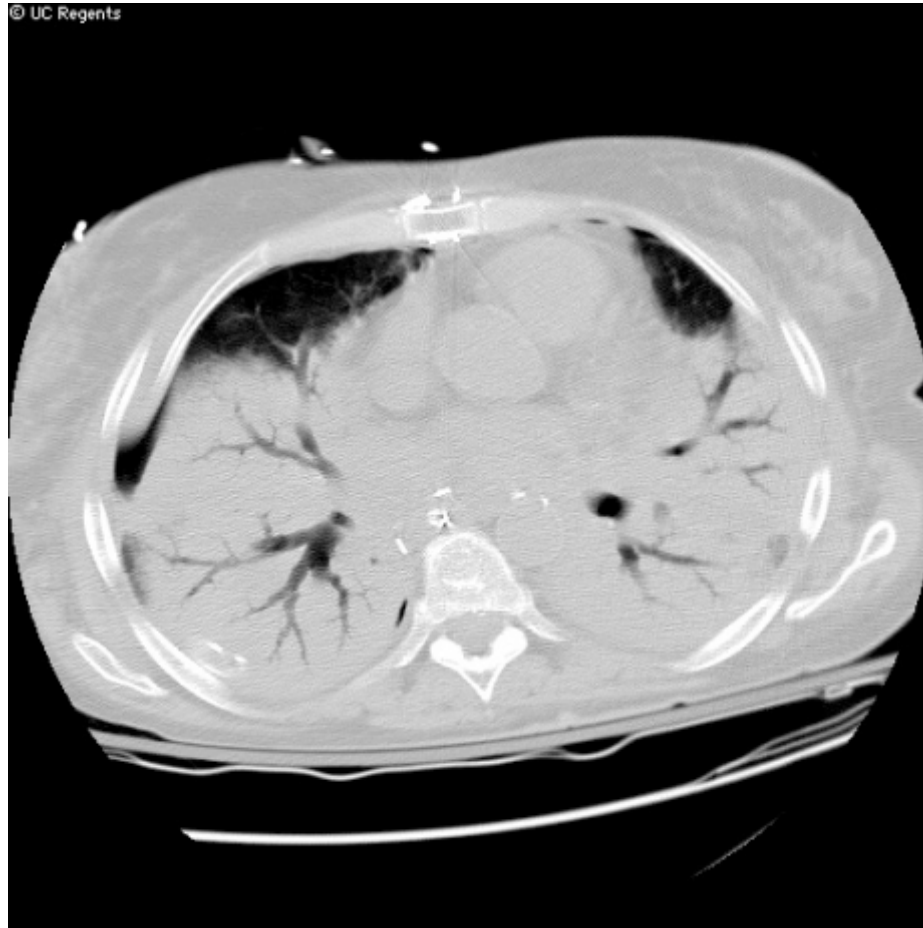


# Systemic Sclerosis

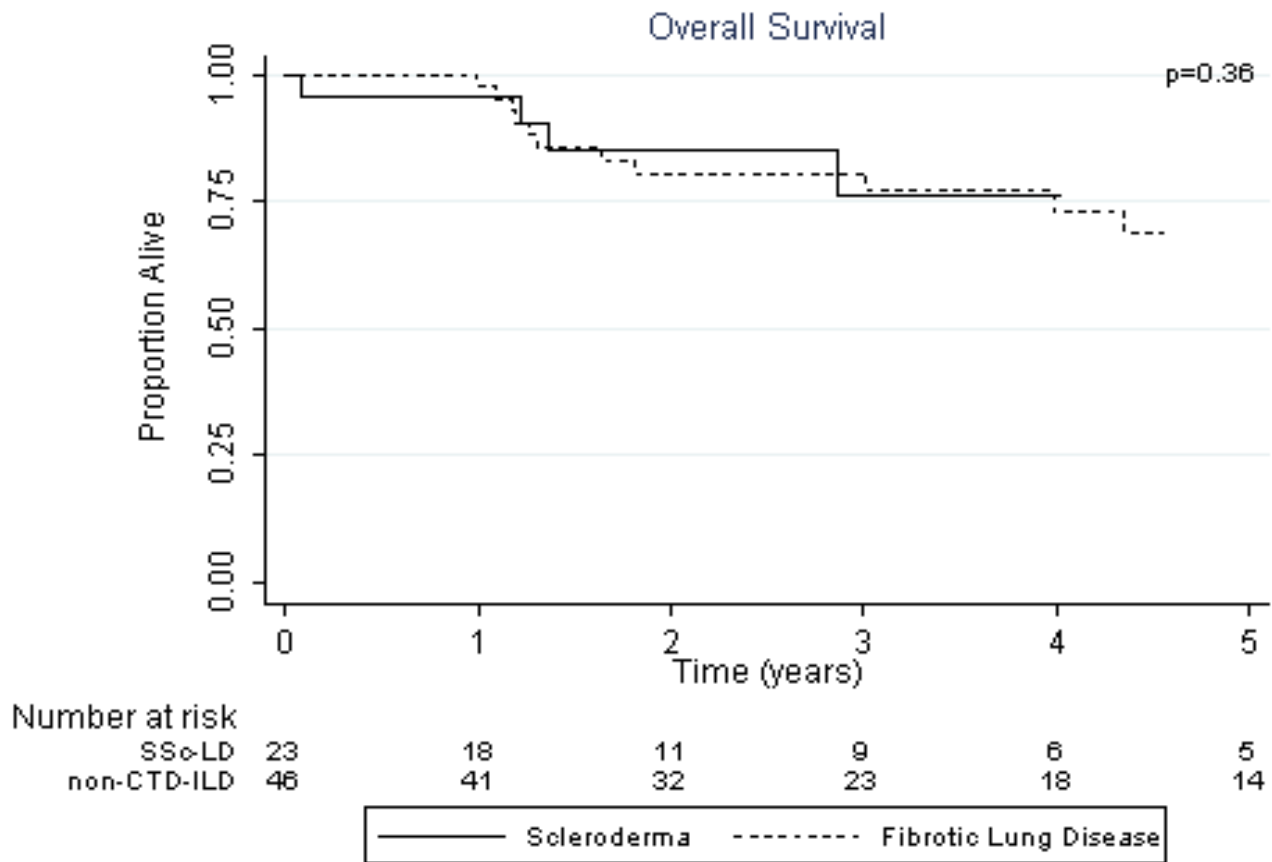
- Skin thickening
- Calcinosis
- Raynaud's
- Telangiectasia
  
- **Esophageal dysmotility**
- GI dysmotility
- Renal disease
- Cardiac disease



# Scleroderma and Aspiration Risk



# Lung Transplant Survival Scleroderma vs IPF



23 patients with SSc compared to 46 IPF at UCSF

- No difference in BOS free survival
- No difference in AR



# Scleroderma and Esophageal Dysfunction

- 35 patients with SSc underwent lung transplantation at UCLA
  - 63% had abnormal Demeester score
  - 93% had abnormal manometry
  - 57% had an air fluid level
  - 74% had patulous esophagus
- Despite the significant esophageal dysmotility and GERD.....
- **No difference in PGD, AR rate, BOS or Survival**



# Scleroderma Evaluation

- Severe pulmonary fibrosis (FVC and DLCO <40%), unresponsive to medical treatment
- Creatinine clearance above 60 mL/min
- Absence of severe skin involvement
- Absence of severe esophageal dysmotility and **aspiration**
- Absence of significant cardiac involvement
- Absence of severe small intestine, gastroparesis, colorectal and rectum involvement such as pseudo-obstruction, diverticulitis, and perforation





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# GERD is common in ILD even without symptoms

- **Higher prevalence of GERD in IPF** vs COPD in patients being evaluated for lung transplant
- **IPF patients have higher total and proximal reflux than Non-IPF** and Healthy Volunteers
- IPF patients being evaluated for transplant – **67% had reflux**
- Symptoms were only 65% sensitive and 71% specific for diagnosis of GERD

# GERD more common post transplantation

- Young: Prevalence rose from 35% pre transplant to 65% post transplant
- D'Ovidio: GERD increased from prevalence of 32% to 53% from 3 to 12 months post transplant
- Transplantation itself increases GERD
  - Vagal denervation
  - Gastroparesis
  - Loss of cough reflex
  - Impaired mucociliary clearance

# GERD associated BOS

- BOS is chronic inflammatory and fibrotic process of small airways: Injury, Remodeling, Repair
- D'Ovidio et al measured bile acids in BAL of 120 LTX recipients
  - 17% of recipients have high levels
  - Highest concentrations of bile acids in 70% of patients with early onset and severe BOS



# GERD Treatments

- Behavioral modifications
- Semi-recumbent sleeping posture
- PPI
- Motility agents – Macrolides
- Fundoplication – safe after lung transplantation

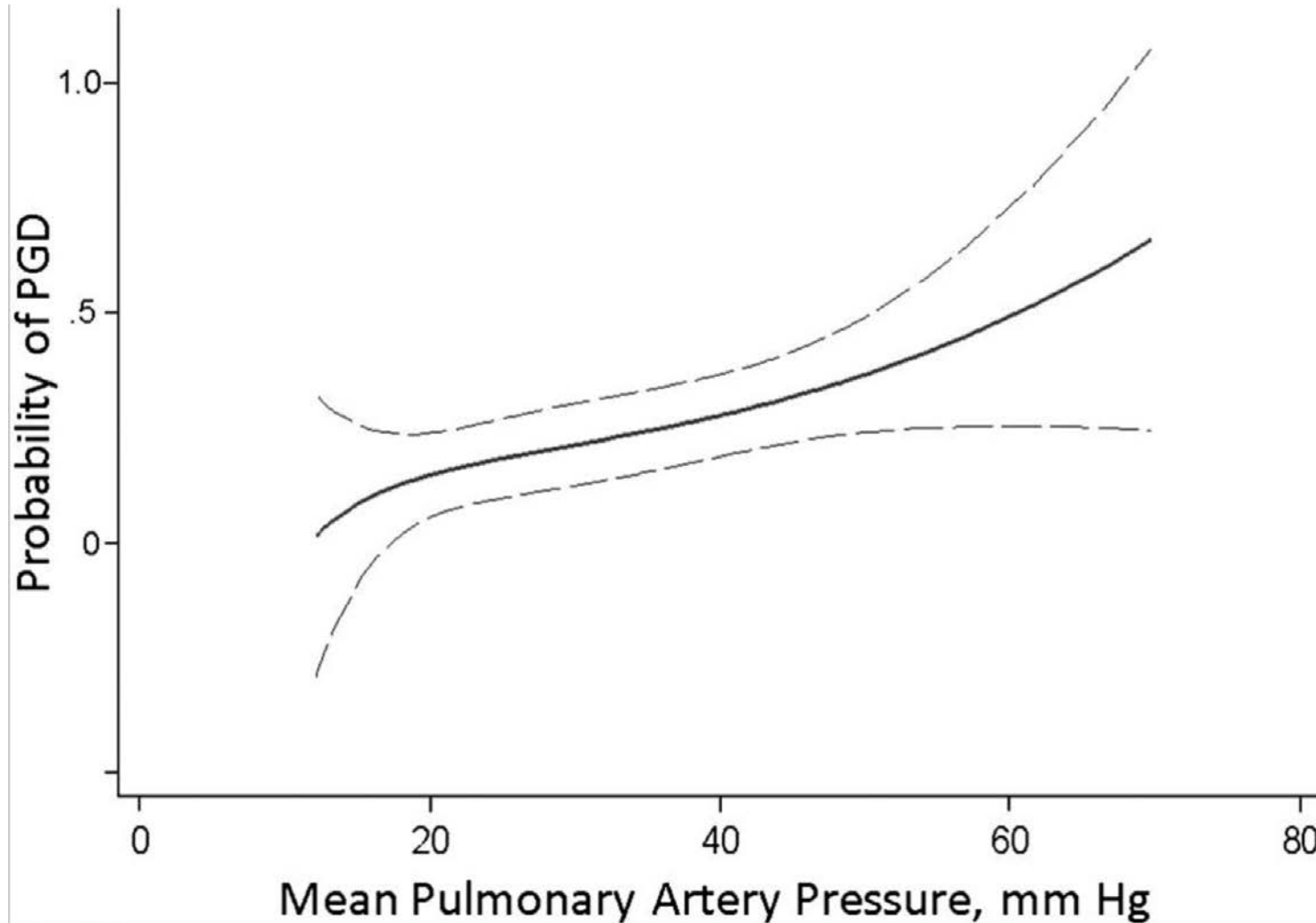


# Pulmonary Hypertension in ILD

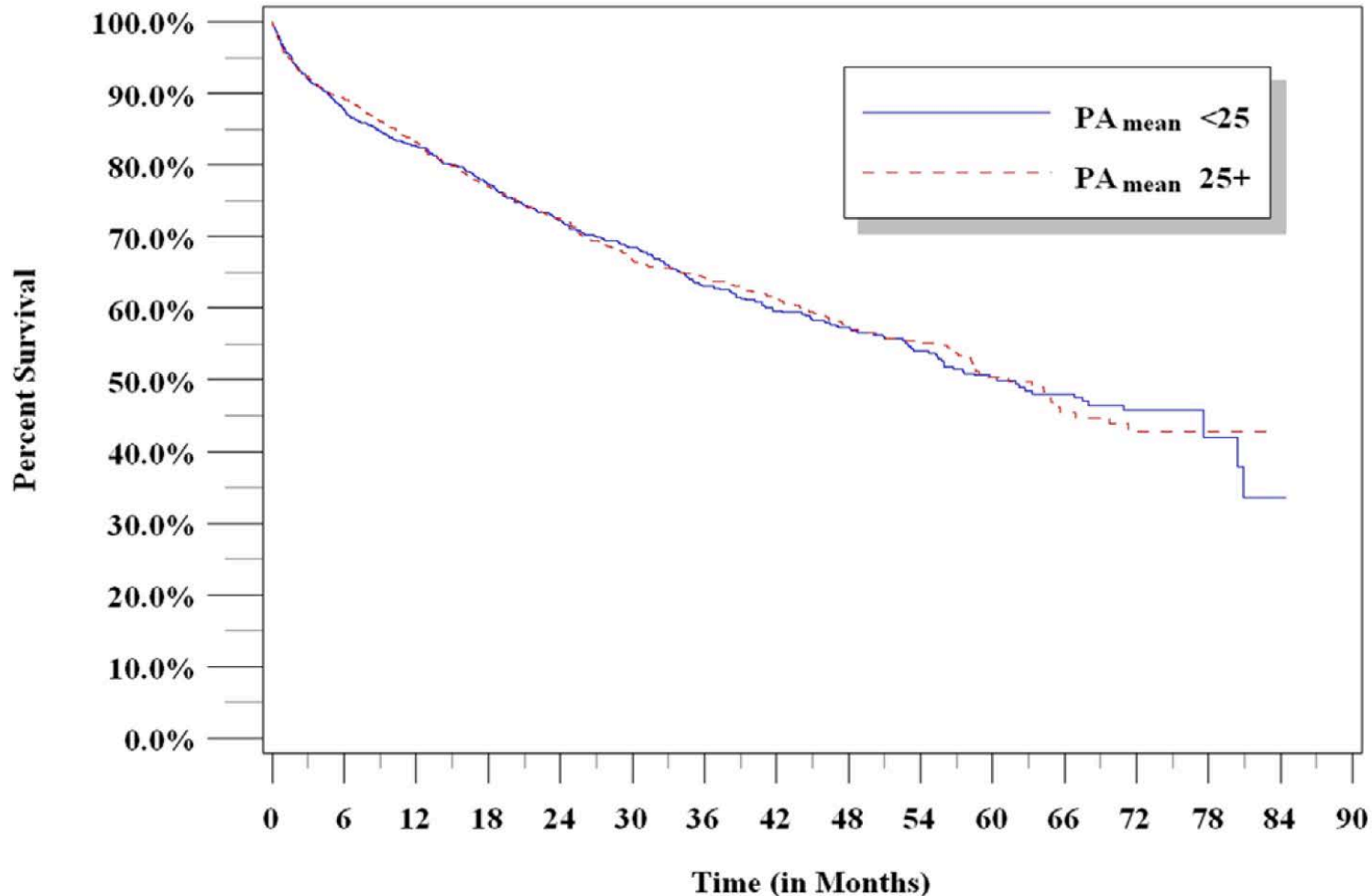
- Up to 32% of patients with ILD have PAH
- CTD- most commonly Systemic Sclerosis
- Sarcoidosis and PLCH
- IPF – over 60% have PAH in advanced disease
- 78 patients with IPF - 5 years survival:
  - No PAH 62%, PAH 16.7%
  - Normal DLCO 70.4%, Low DLCO 20%
  - High PAP RR 2.20, Low DLCO RR 2.7 and Group 2 RR 4.85



# Elevated PAH in IPF and Risk of PGD after Lung Transplantation



# PAH and IPF outcomes after Lung Transplantation



# Familial Fibrosis and Lung Transplantation

- Retrospective case series of 14 lung transplant recipients with **telomerase complex mutations**
- All had fibrotic lung disease but only 43% had UIP pattern on CT imaging
- High incidence of cytopenias, particularly leukopenia, post transplantation (83%)
- Of these, 5 could not tolerate anti-proliferative agents – but not associated with acute rejection or CLAD
- CLAD occurred in 33% of recipients at median 3.1 years



# Anti-fibrotic therapy and outcomes in Lung Transplantation

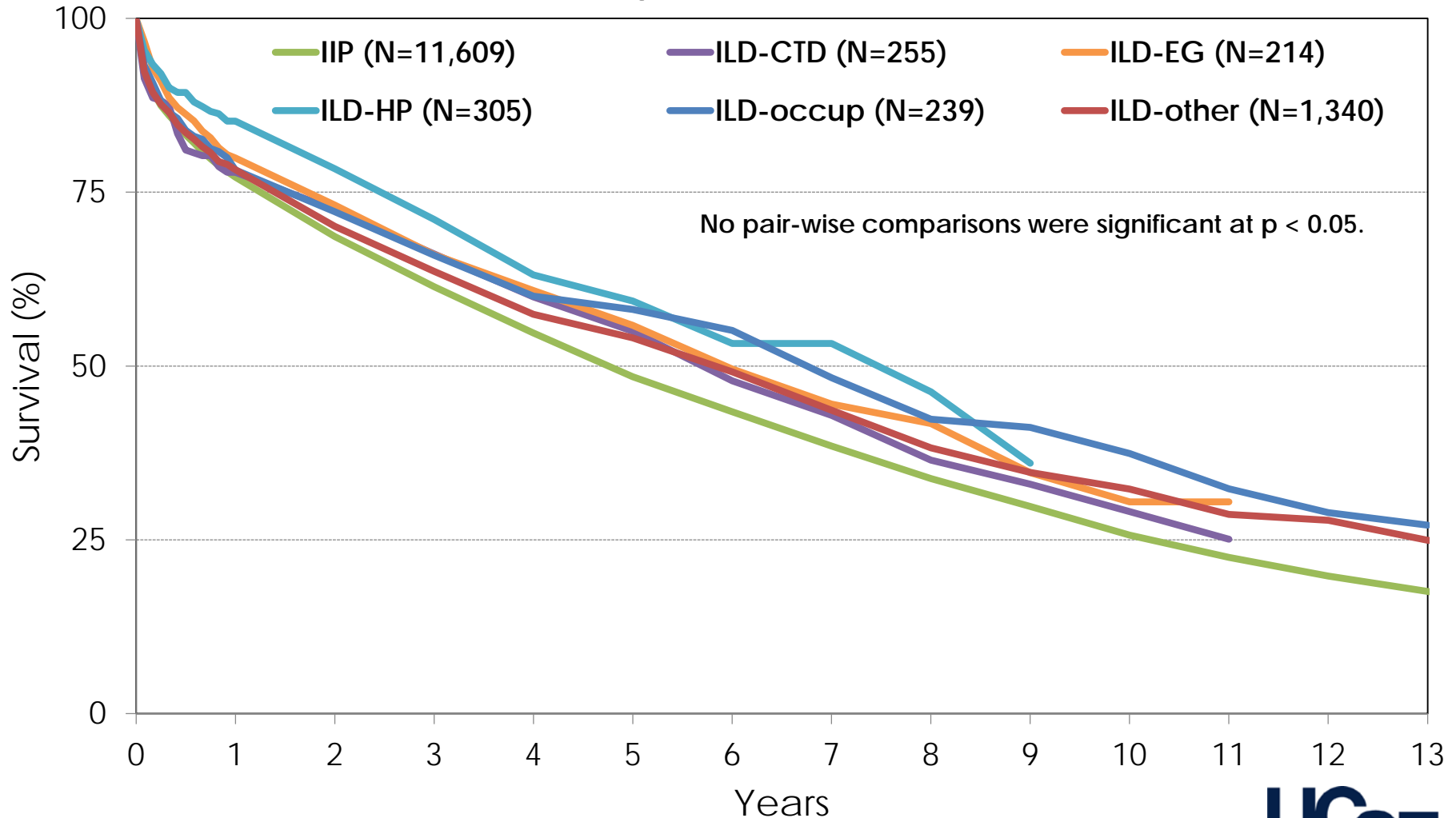
- Retrospective study of IPF patients undergoing lung transplantation at University of Munich
- Of 62 patients, 23 were on pirfenidone and 7 were on nintedanib
- Patients received anti-fibrotics were older and had higher DLCO at time of transplant
- **No difference in blood product utilization, surgical complications or dehiscence**
- **No differences in 30 day or one year survival**



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## Kaplan-Meier Survival by Diagnosis

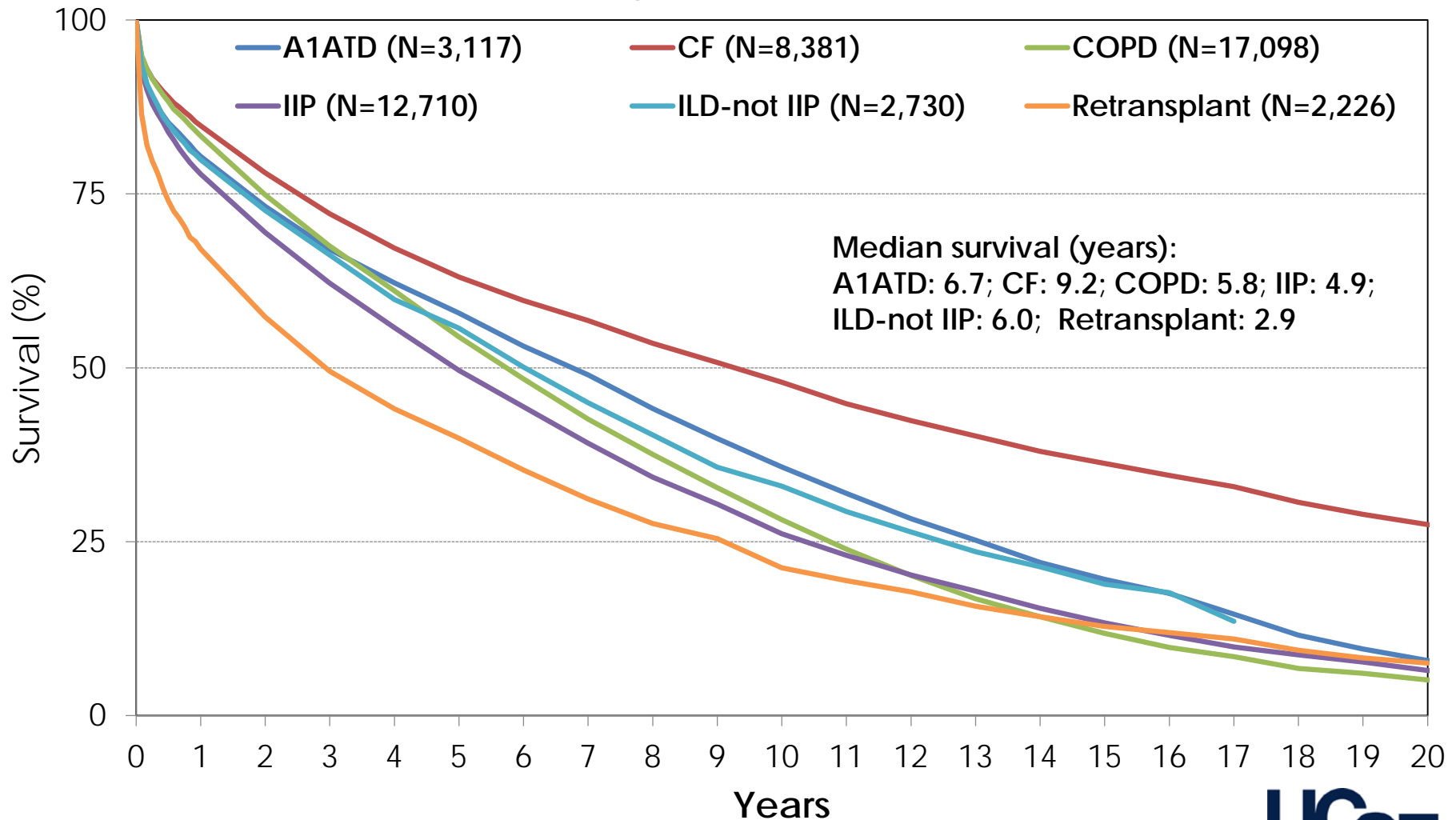
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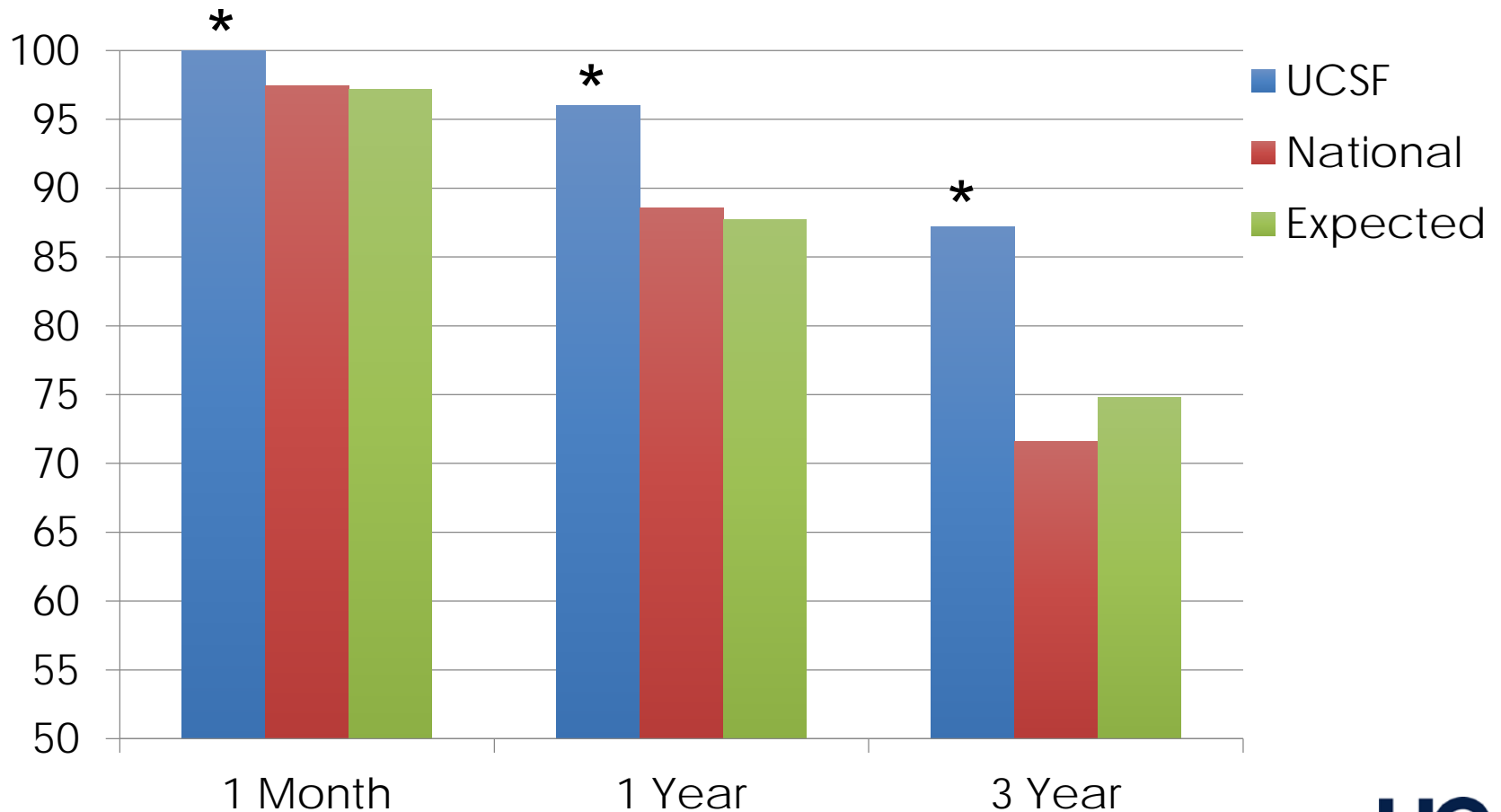
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# UCSF, National and Expected Lung Transplant Survival

Data from the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients January 2018



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