

# ***Interstitial Lung Disease: Towards an early and accurate diagnosis***

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# Objectives

- Appreciate why an accurate ILD diagnosis is important
- Understand why appropriate ILD therapy is critical
- Improve early ILD detection at your institution

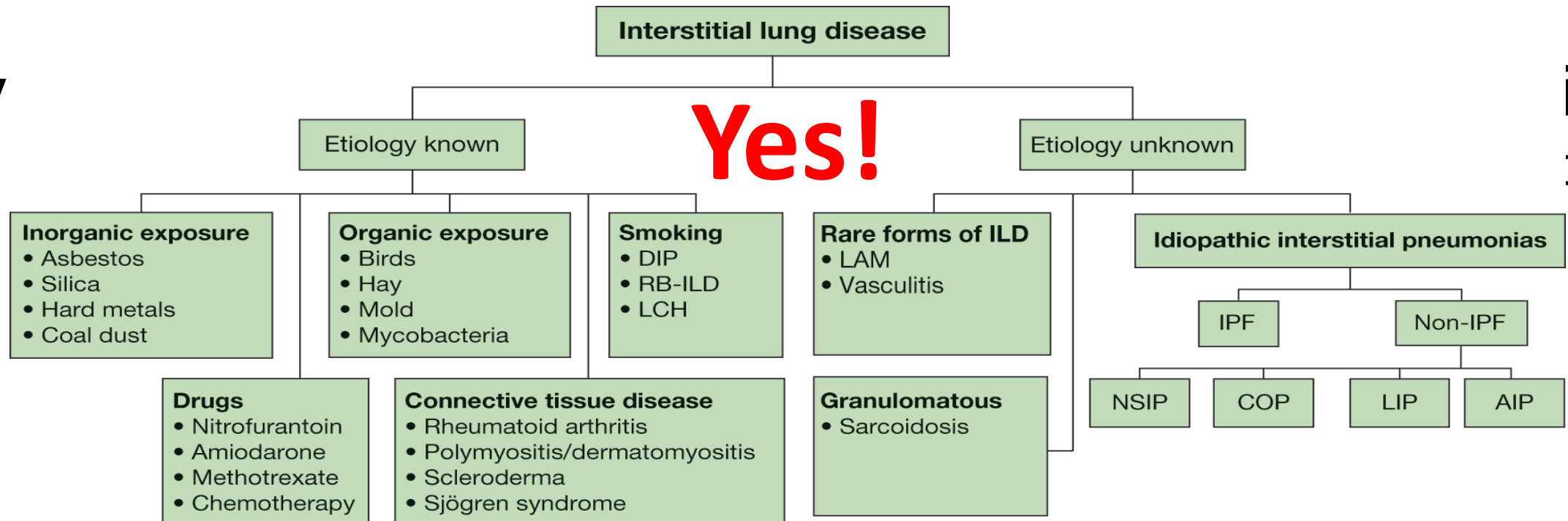




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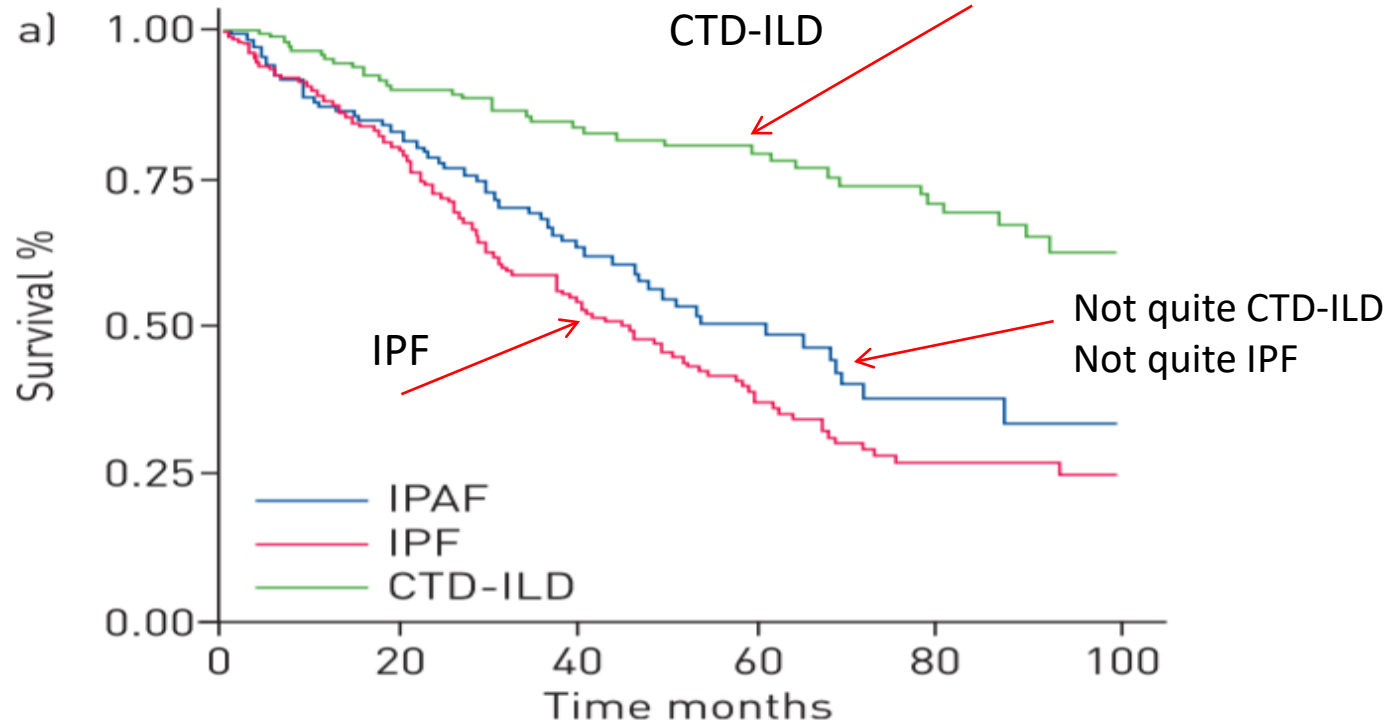
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# Not all pulmonary fibrosis is created equal

Would you want to be told that you have:

~10 years to live, when you actually have ~3?

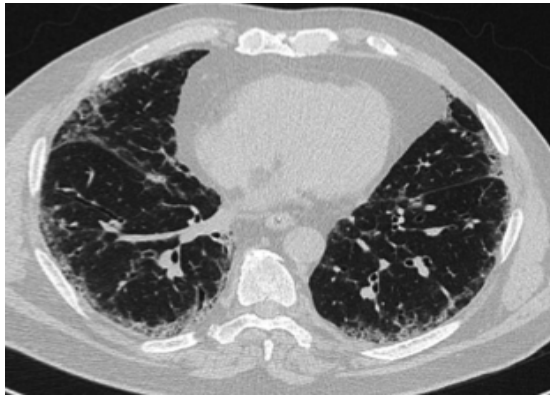
~3 years to live, when you have ~10?



# Not even all UIP is created equal!



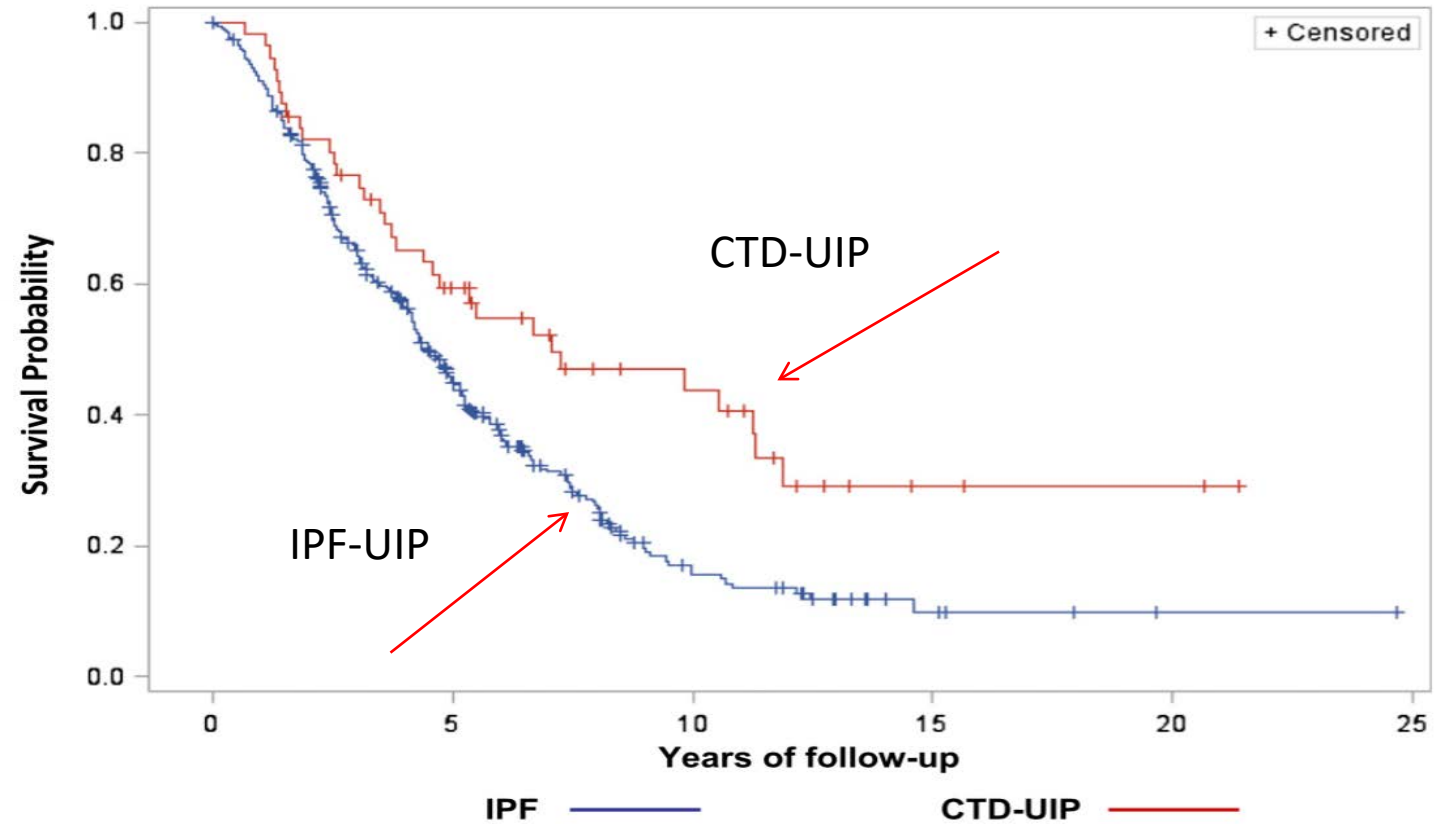
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RA-UIP



SSc-UIP



UIP is a pattern, not a diagnosis. Identifying the ILD subtype leading to UIP has prognostic importance and treatment implications.

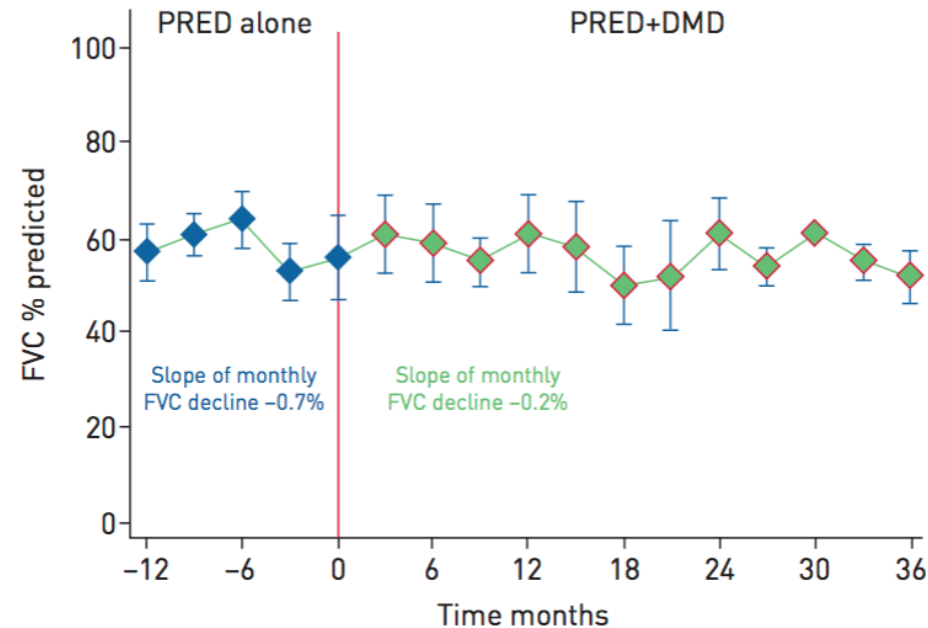
Just give them steroids...





## Outcomes of immunosuppressive therapy in chronic hypersensitivity pneumonitis

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**FIGURE 3** Trend of forced vital capacity [FVC] in the disease-modifying drug [DMD] subgroup by therapy administered. Within the DMD subgroup of chronic hypersensitivity pneumonitis patients who had previously received prednisone (PRED), administration of mycophenolate mofetil or azathioprine therapy significantly altered the slope of monthly FVC decline [ $-0.7\%$  versus  $-0.2\%$ ,  $p=0.001$ ]. Data analysed using mixed regression model.

# Use of Mycophenolate Mofetil or Azathioprine for the Management of Chronic Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis

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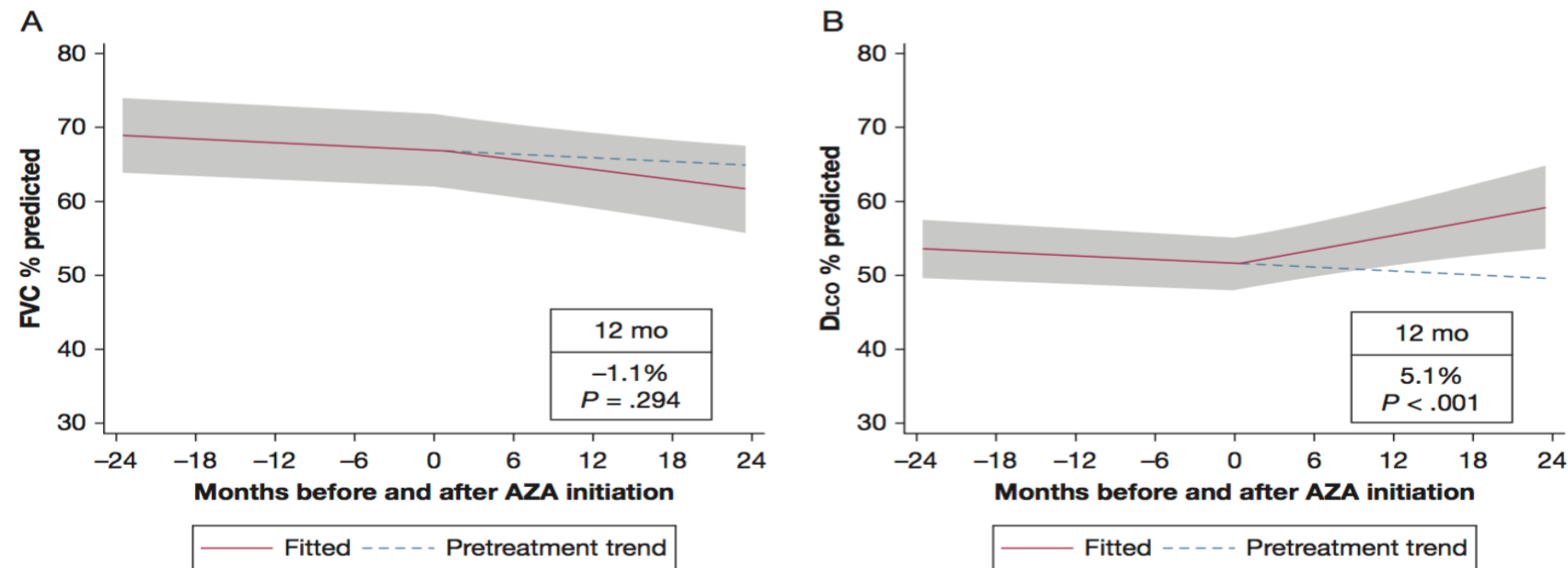


Figure 4 – Mixed-effects model estimates for FVC % predicted and DLCO % predicted before and after initiation of azathioprine. The gray shading indicates the 95% CI. See [Figure 1](#) and [2](#) legends for expansion of abbreviations.

# Azathioprine response in patients with fibrotic connective tissue disease-associated interstitial lung disease



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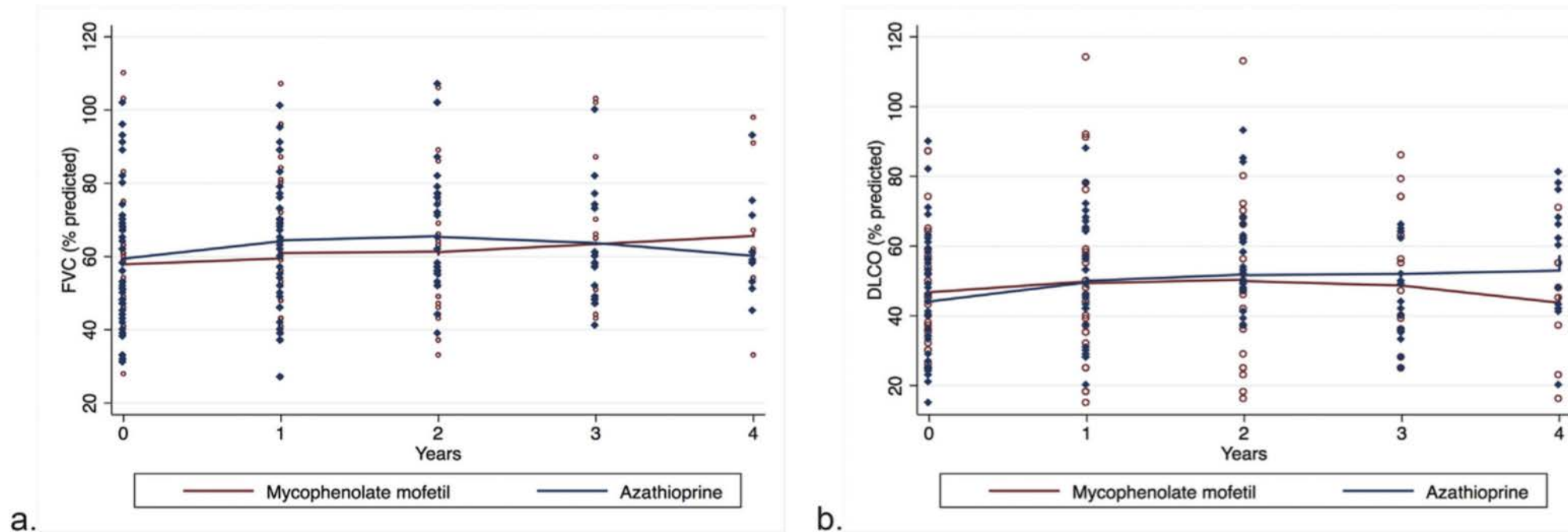
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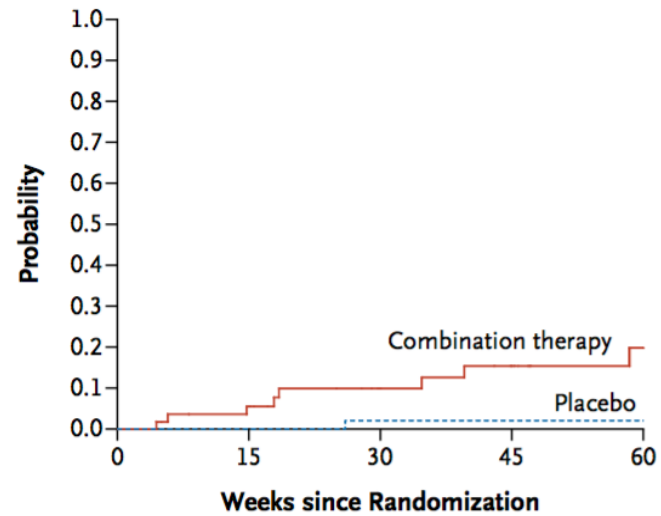


**Fig. 2.** Longitudinal change in percent predicted FVC (a) and DLCO (b) in a cohort of patients with fibrotic CTD-associated ILD treated with azathioprine and mycophenolate mofetil.

# Prednisone, Azathioprine, and N-Acetylcysteine for Pulmonary Fibrosis

The Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Clinical Research Network\*

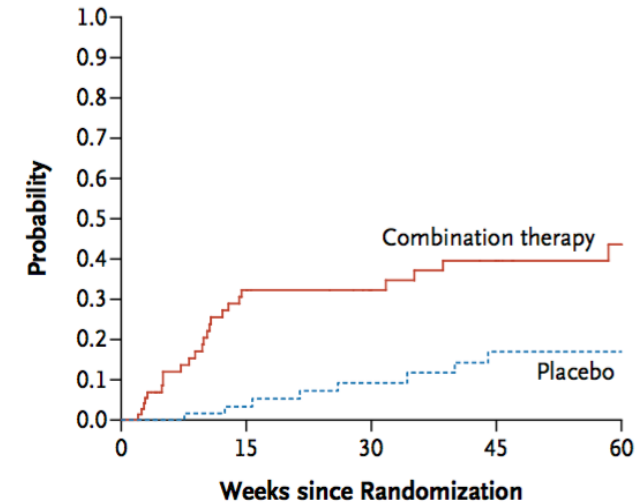
**A Time to Death**



**No. at Risk**

Combination therapy	77	50	34	29	14
Placebo	78	57	44	31	17

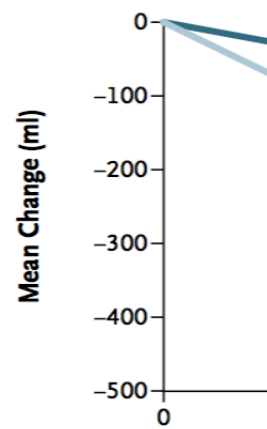
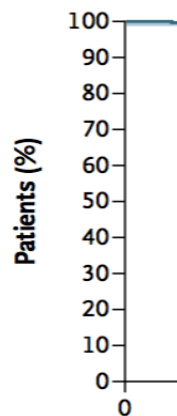
**C Time to Death or Hospitalization**



**No. at Risk**

Combination therapy	77	40	29	23	10
Placebo	78	55	42	26	16



**B Change in FVC****D Progression-free Surv**

**No. at Risk**  
Pirfenidone  
Placebo

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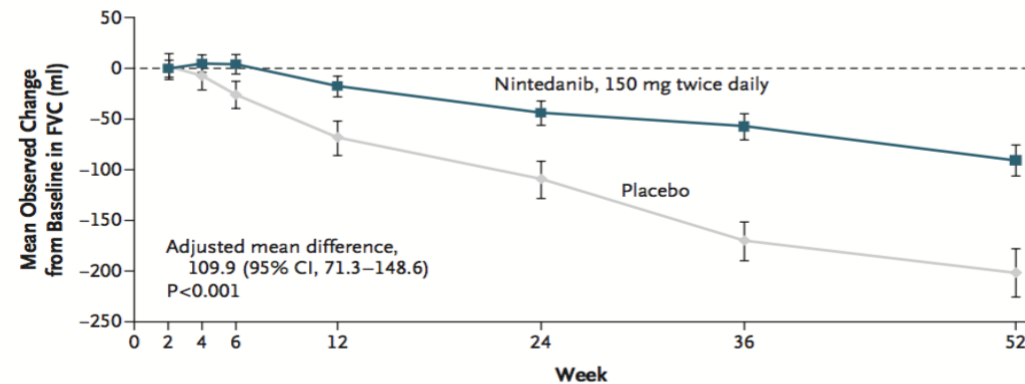
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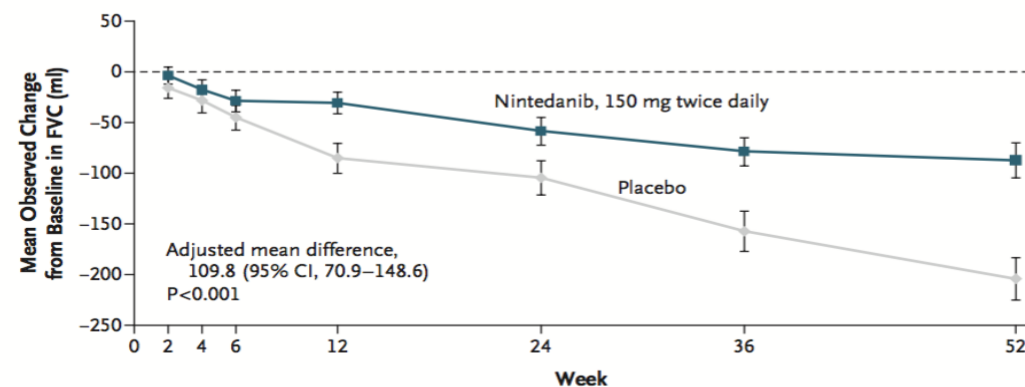
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**B INPULSIS-1****No. of Patients**

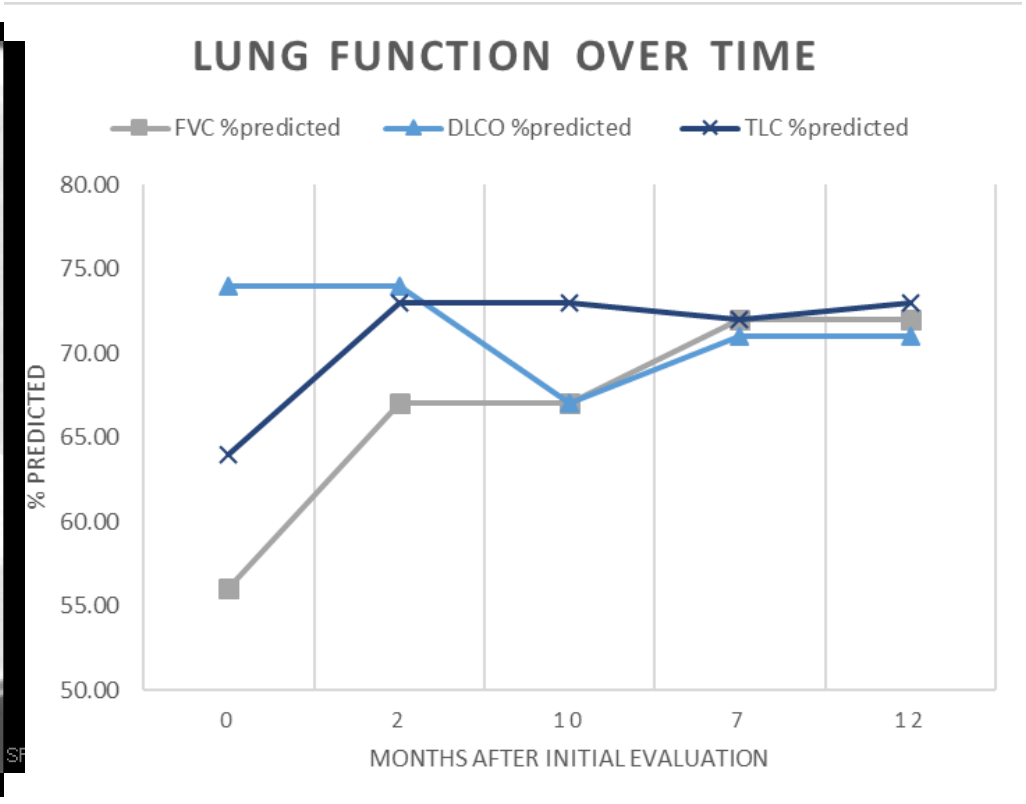
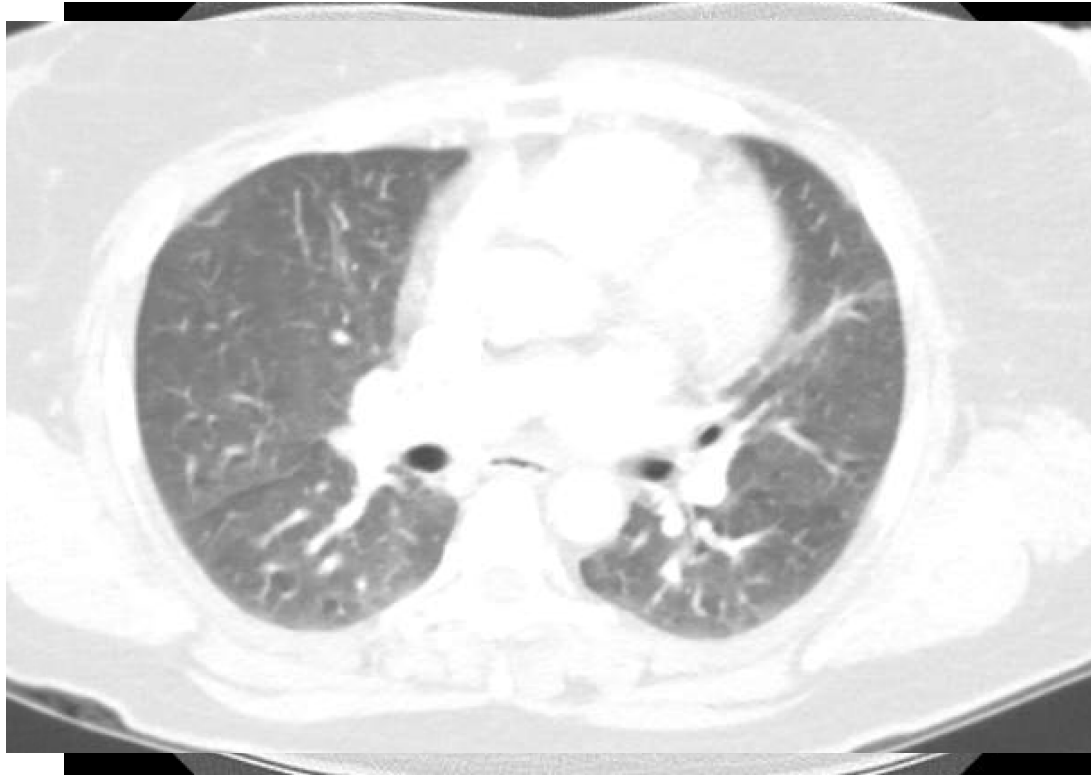
Nintedanib	303	301	298	292	284	274	250
Placebo	202	198	200	194	192	187	165

**D INPULSIS-2****No. of Patients**

Nintedanib	323	315	315	312	303	295	269
Placebo	215	210	207	209	203	196	180

Ok fine, just give them anti-fibrotics...

# 48 year old female diagnosed with IPF and started on anti-fibrotic

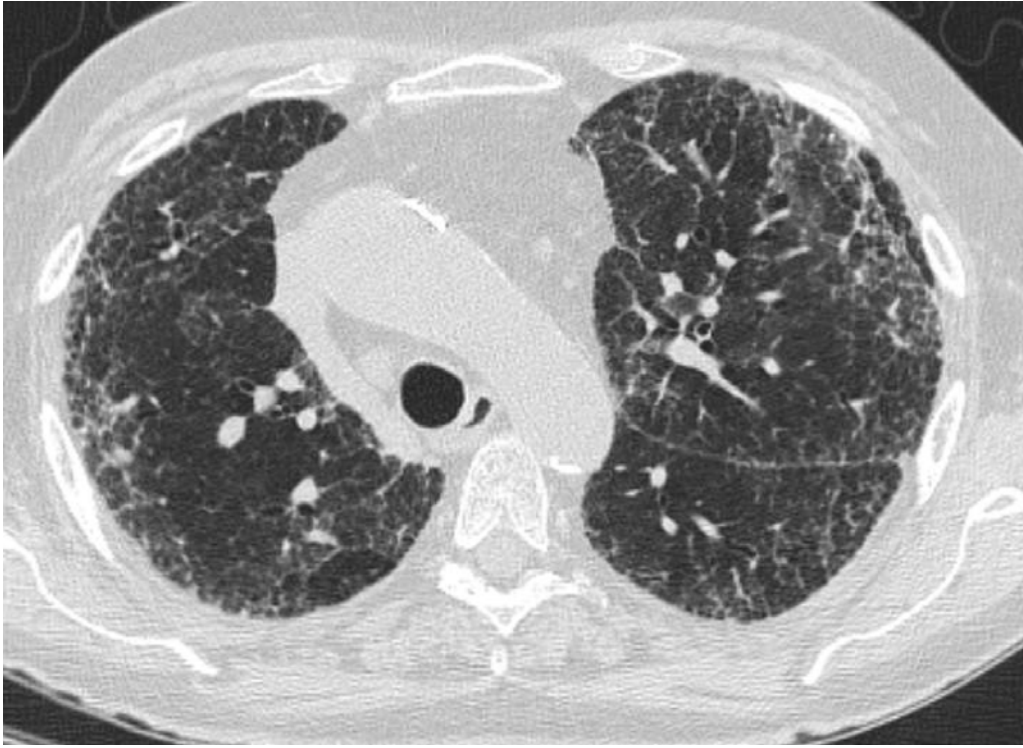


Treated for 9 months with anti-fibrotic prior to evaluation at UCD; symptoms progressive during that time

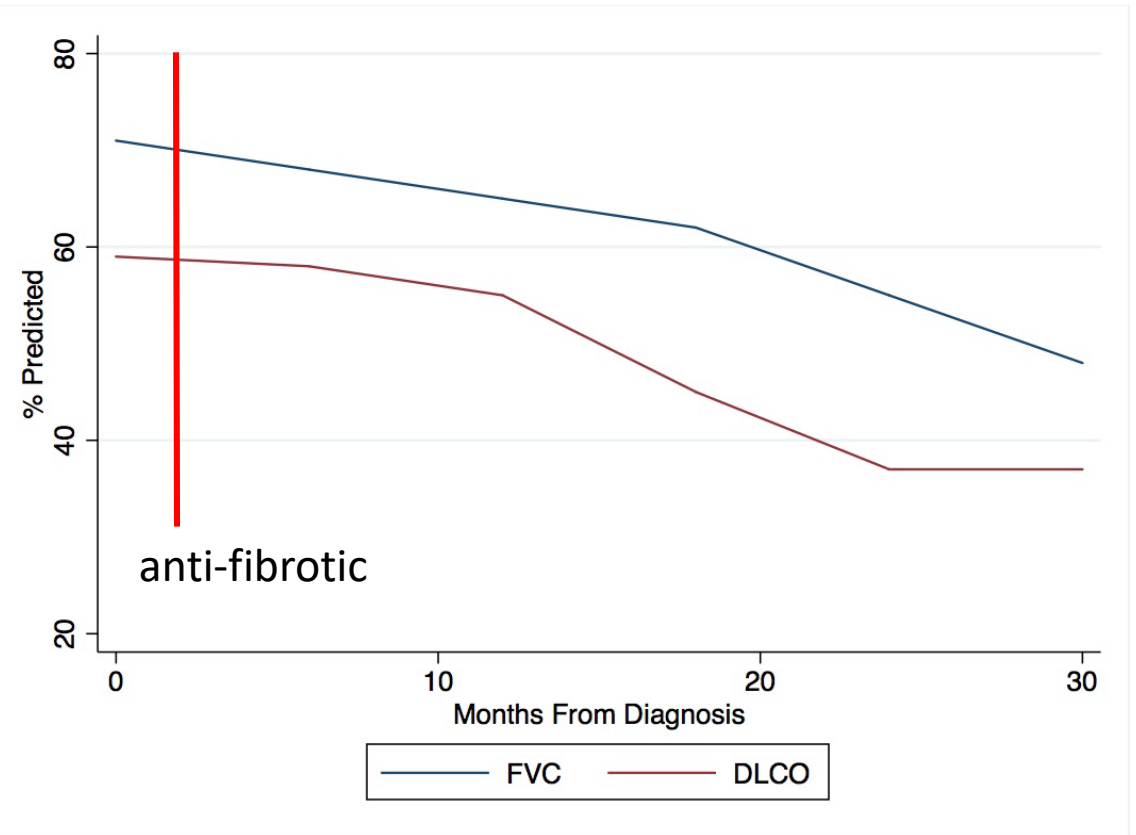
Diagnosed with anti-synthetase syndrome (PMScI +, Raynauds, mechanics hands, ILD)

Taken off anti-fibrotic and treated with MMF and steroids

75 yo male with 10 year history of ILD diagnosed with IPF and started on anti-fibrotic



- Extensive mold in the home that he regularly cleaned
- Felt better on vacation
- HRCT showed upper lobe predominant disease with areas of central fibrosis and mosaic attenuation
- Bronchoscopy showed 40% lymphocytes



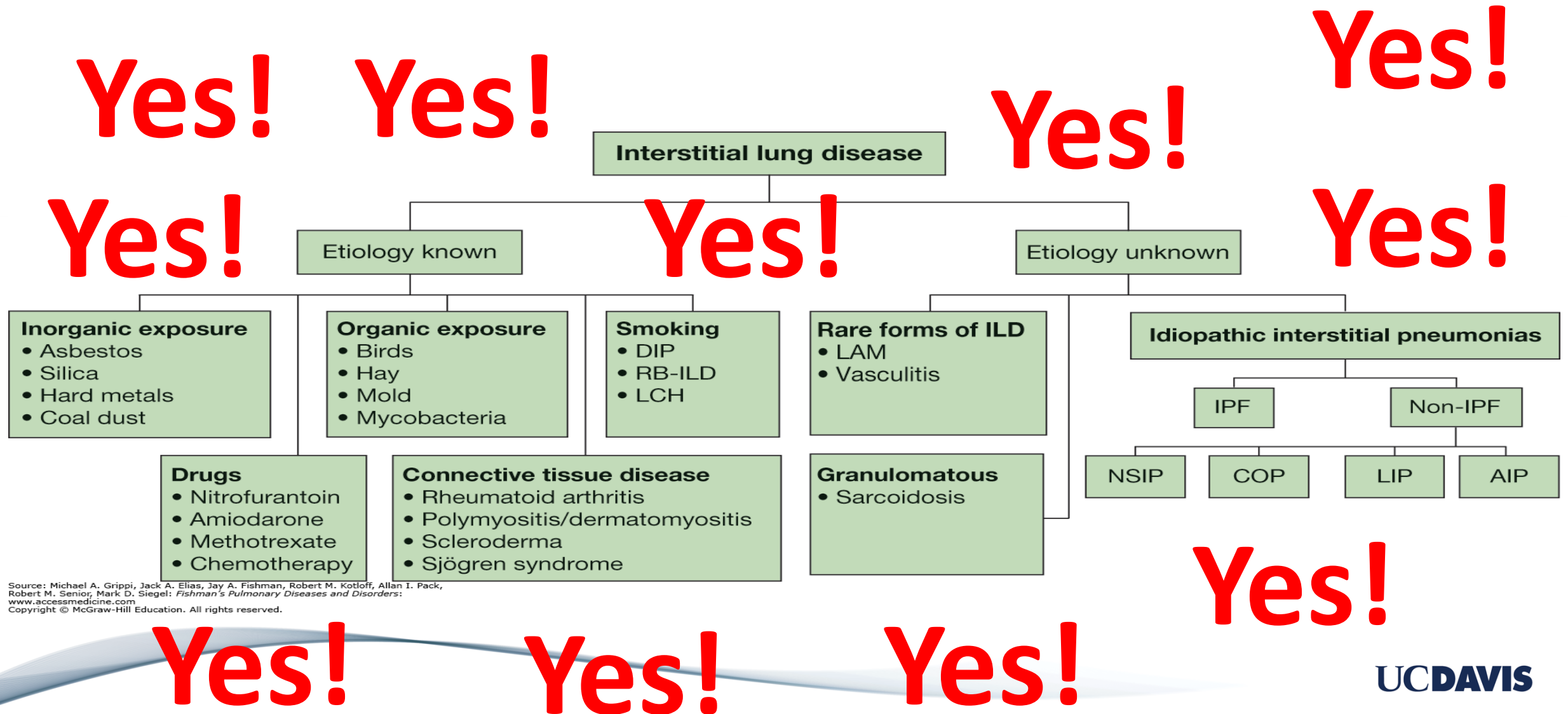
- Diagnosed with chronic HP 12 years after symptom onset and 10 years after initial ILD diagnosis
- Died 4 weeks after ILD center evaluation



# Summary

- ILD subtypes progress at highly variable rates
- You will help some ILD subtypes by prescribing steroids/immunosuppression
- You will hurt some ILD subtypes by prescribing steroids/immunosuppression

Do we really need to spend all this time and energy correctly classifying an ILD?



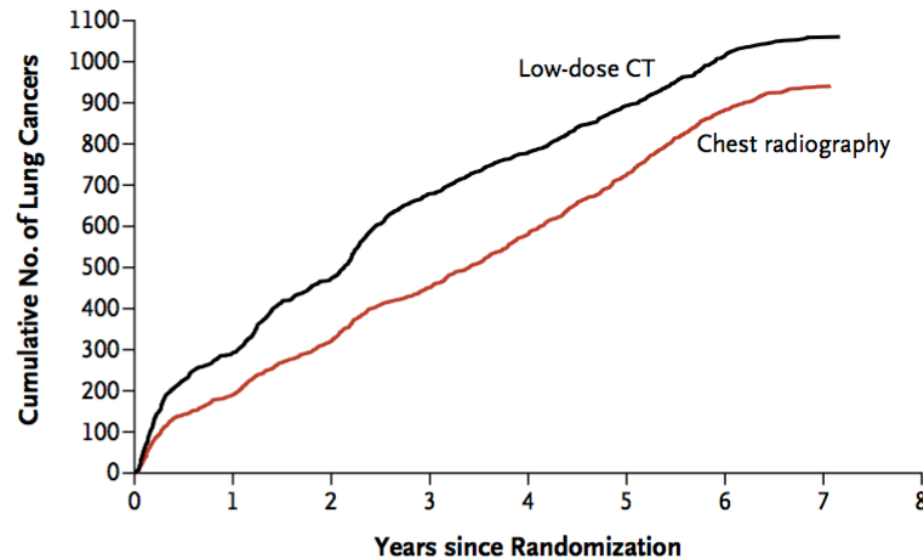
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# Early Detection of ILD

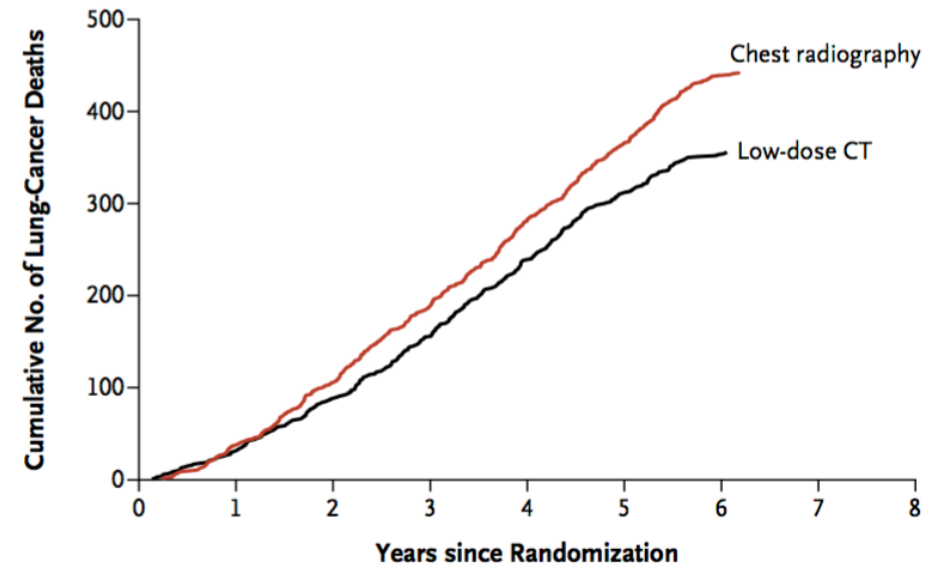
- CT Screening in high-risk groups
- Pulmonary Function Testing in high-risk groups

## Reduced Lung-Cancer Mortality with Low-Dose Computed Tomographic Screening

**A** Lung Cancer



**B** Death from Lung Cancer





# LCS Study Baseline Characteristics

Table 1. Selected Baseline Characteristics of the Study Participants.*		
Characteristic	Low-Dose CT Group (N=26,722)	Radiography Group (N=26,732)
	number (percent)	
Age at randomization		
<55 yr†	2 (<0.1)	4 (<0.1)
55–59 yr	11,440 (42.8)	11,420 (42.7)
60–64 yr	8,170 (30.6)	8,198 (30.7)
65–69 yr	4,756 (17.8)	4,762 (17.8)
70–74 yr	2,353 (8.8)	2,345 (8.8)
≥75 yr†	1 (<0.1)	3 (<0.1)
Sex		
Male	15,770 (59.0)	15,762 (59.0)
Female	10,952 (41.0)	10,970 (41.0)
Smoking status		
Current	12,862 (48.1)	12,900 (48.3)
Former	13,860 (51.9)	13,832 (51.7)

Age 55-75

Male predominant

Smoking history

# IPF Baseline Characteristics

Characteristic	IPF Case Patients (n = 196)
Age, y	68.1 ± 8.6
Male	146 (74.5)
Race/ethnicity	
White	157 (80.1)
Black	16 (8.2)
Hispanic	18 (9.2)
Asian	5 (2.5)
BMI	30.2 ± 5.4
Ever smoker	145 (74)

Characteristic	Derivation Cohort (n = 228)*
Mean age (SD), y	69.7 (8.7)
Male sex, %	72.8
Ever smoked, %	75.4

High probability that incidental ILD will be picked up by low-dose CT performed for lung cancer screening

# Evidence of Interstitial Lung Disease on Low-Dose Chest CT Images: Prevalence, Patterns, and Progression

**TABLE 1: Participants With ( $n = 63$ ) and Without ( $n = 888$ ) CT Evidence of Interstitial Lung Disease by Sex, Age, Smoking History, and Degree of Emphysema**

Characteristic	Patients With Honeycombing ( $n = 16$ )		Patients With Interstitial Lung Disease ( $n = 47$ )		Patients Without Interstitial Lung Disease ( $n = 888$ )		Total ( $n = 951$ )	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	% <sup>a</sup>
Sex								
Female	3	0.6	19	3.7	485	95.7	507	53.3
Male	13	2.9	28	6.3	403	90.8	444	46.7
Age (y)								
40–49	0	0.0	0	0.0	39	100.0	39	4.1
50–59	0	0.0	2	1.6	123	98.4	125	13.1
60–69	2	0.7	9	3.1	284	96.3	295	31.0
70–79	8	2.3	22	6.4	316	91.3	346	36.4
≥ 80	6	4.1	14	9.6	126	86.3	146	15.4
Smoking history (pack-years)								
1–9	0	0.0	3	3.4	86	96.6	89	9.4
10–29	2	0.7	14	4.7	279	94.6	295	31.0
30–59	8	2.0	16	4.0	380	94.1	404	42.5
≥ 60	6	3.7	14	8.6	143	87.7	163	17.1
Degree of emphysema								
None	7	0.9	35	4.6	726	94.5	768	80.8
Any	9	4.9	12	6.6	162	88.5	183	19.2
Mild	7	4.5	12	7.7	136	87.7	155	16.3
Moderate	2	9.1	0	0.0	20	90.9	22	2.3
Severe	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	100.0	6	0.6

<sup>a</sup>All percentages are of the total cohort of 951.

7% with ILD

# Interstitial Lung Abnormalities in a CT Lung Cancer Screening Population: Prevalence and Progression Rate<sup>1</sup>

ILA = “early” ILD

ILA = “incidental” ILD

ILA = ILD

**Table 1**

**Demographic Data of Study Participants**

Characteristics	Overall	No ILA	Equivocal ILA	ILA	P Value*
No. of participants	884	696 (78.7)	102 (11.5)	86 (9.7)	...
No. of men	524 (59.3)	401 (57.6)	61 (59.8)	62 (72.1)	.011
Age (y) <sup>†</sup>	61.5 ± 5.1	61.4 ± 5.0	62.3 ± 5.8	61.6 ± 5.2	.829
No. 55–59 years	37 (42.4)	297 (42.7)	43 (42.2)	35 (40.7)	...
No. 60–69 years	416 (47.1)	327 (46.9)	43 (42.2)	46 (53.5)	...
No. 70–75 years	93 (10.5)	72 (10.4)	16 (15.6)	5 (5.8)	...
Smoking status					.001
No. current	390 (44.1)	274 (39.4)	57 (55.9)	59 (68.6)	...
No. former	49 (55.9)	422 (60.6)	45 (44.1)	27 (31.4)	<.001
Cigarette exposure (pack-years) <sup>†</sup>	51.9 ± 21.3	51.1 ± 20.4	50.9 ± 17.6	59.9 ± 29.1	.001

Note.—Numbers in parentheses are percentages. Current = current smoker at baseline who was persistent at 2 years, or a former smoker at baseline who restarted smoking at 2 years. Former = former smoker at baseline who was not smoking at 2 years, or a current smoker at baseline who was not smoking at 2 years.

\* Comparison of demographic data of ILA with no ILA to equivocal ILA was performed by using an unpaired *t* test or  $\chi^2$  with Fisher exact test. *P* < .05 indicates statistical significance.

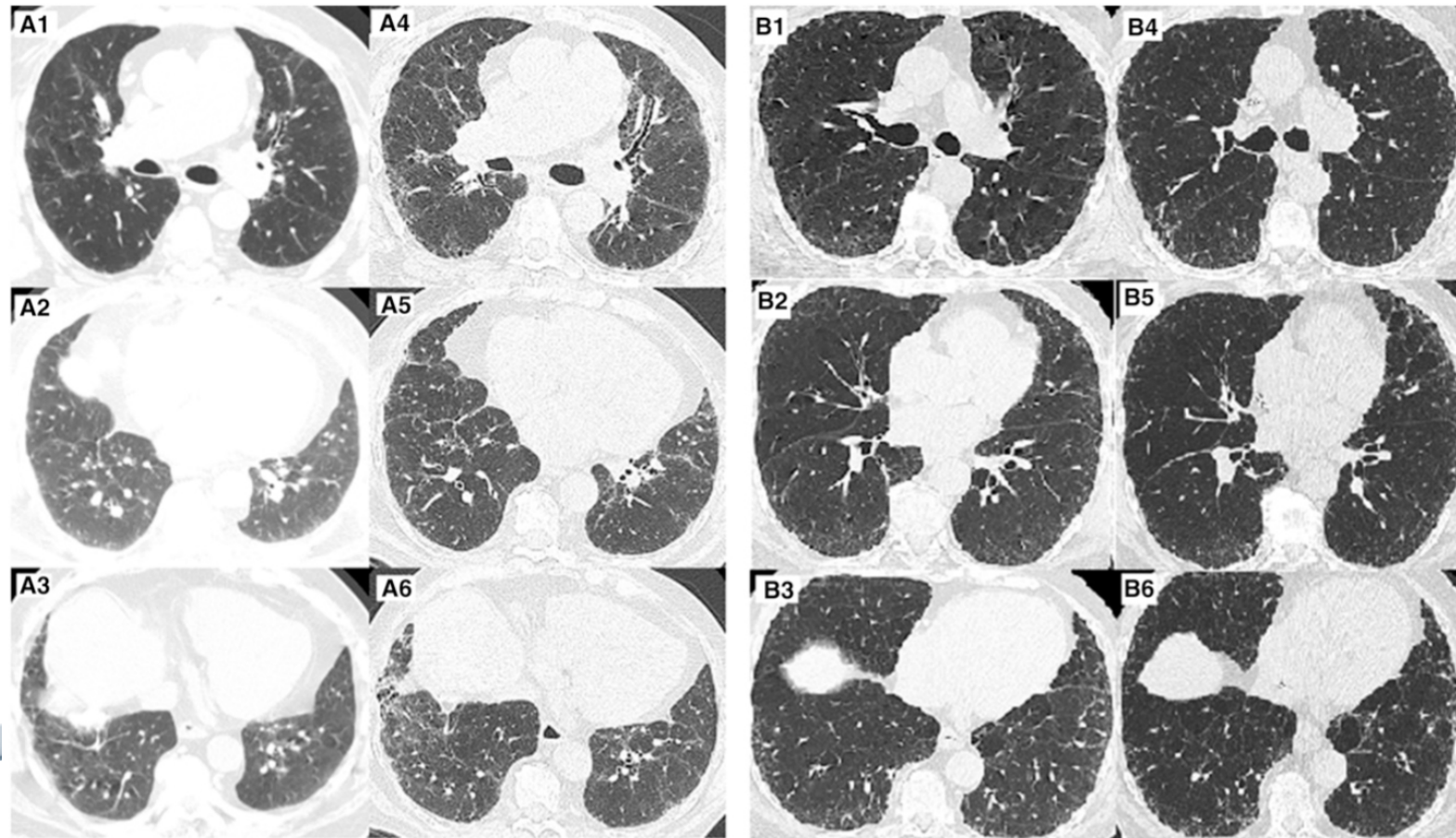
<sup>†</sup> Mean ± standard deviation



# Development and Progression of Interstitial Lung Abnormalities in the Framingham Heart Study

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	No ILA (n = 660; 35%) (1)	ILA without Progression (n = 37; 2%) (2)	ILA with Progression (n = 118; 6%) (3)	P Values			
				All <sup>†</sup>	1 vs. 2 <sup>‡</sup>	1 vs. 3 <sup>§</sup>	2 vs. 3 <sup>  </sup>
Age, yr	49 ± 10	58 ± 11	65 ± 11	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001
Sex, female, n (%)	296 (45)	20 (54)	53 (45)	0.6	0.3	0.96	0.3
Race, white, n (%)	660 (100)	37 (100)	118 (100)	—	—	—	—
Body mass index	28 ± 6	30 ± 6	28 ± 5	0.01	0.006	0.91	0.005
Pack-years smoking	16 ± 16	26 ± 19	24 ± 21	<0.0001	0.003	0.0001	0.7
Current smokers, n (%) <sup>  </sup>	48 (7)	9 (25)	6 (5)	0.004	0.001	0.2	0.07
Former smokers, n (%)	263 (40)	14 (39)	61 (52)				
Never smokers, n (%)	349 (53)	13 (36)	51 (43)				
MUC5B genotype, n (%)							
G/G	529 (80)	27 (73)	78 (66)	0.0003	0.5	<0.0001	0.1
G/T	125 (19)	10 (27)	36 (31)				
T/T	6 (1)	0	4 (3)				

Definition of abbreviations: FHS-MDCT = Framingham Heart Study Multidetector Computed Tomography; ILA = interstitial lung abnormalities.

\*Values are means ± SD unless otherwise indicated. For time-dependent covariates (e.g., age, body mass index, pack-years of smoking, and current smoking status) information obtained closest to the MDCT1 scan is included.

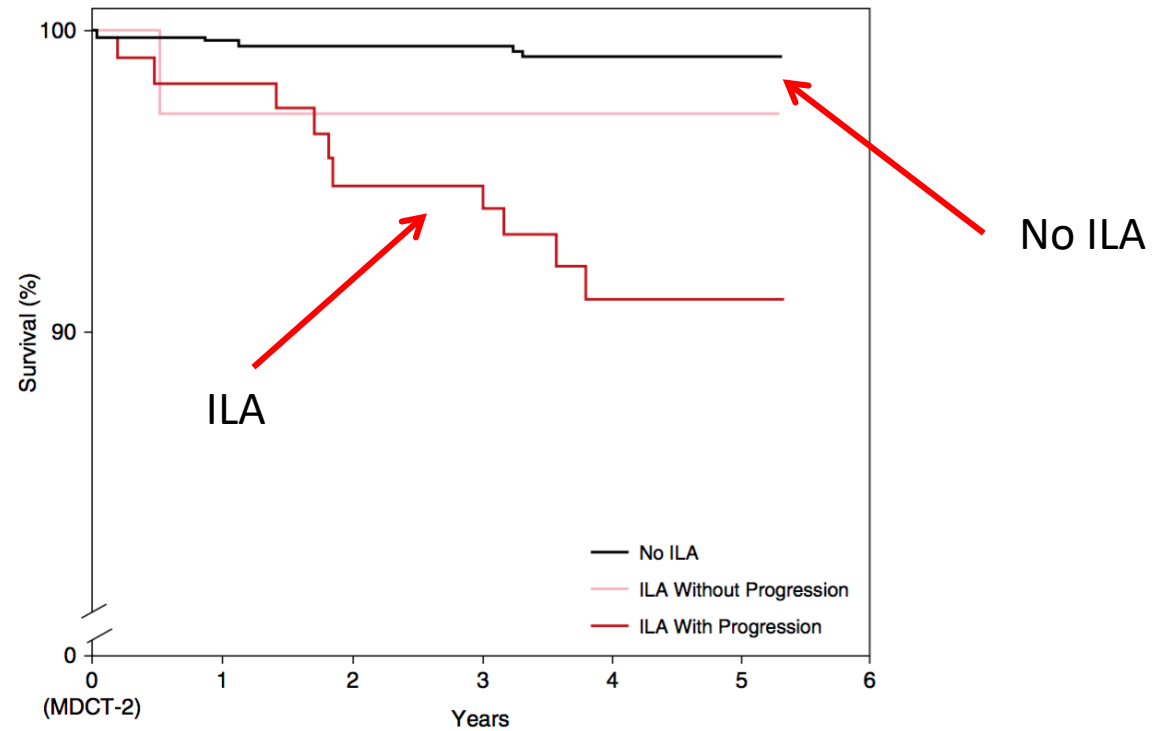
<sup>†</sup>P values are for the comparison among all groups. All P values are calculated using generalized estimating equations to account for familial relationships in the FHS.

<sup>‡</sup>P values are for the comparison between no ILA and ILA without progression.

<sup>§</sup>P values are for the comparison between no ILA and ILA with progression.

75% of patients with ILA develop progressive disease

ILA = ILD



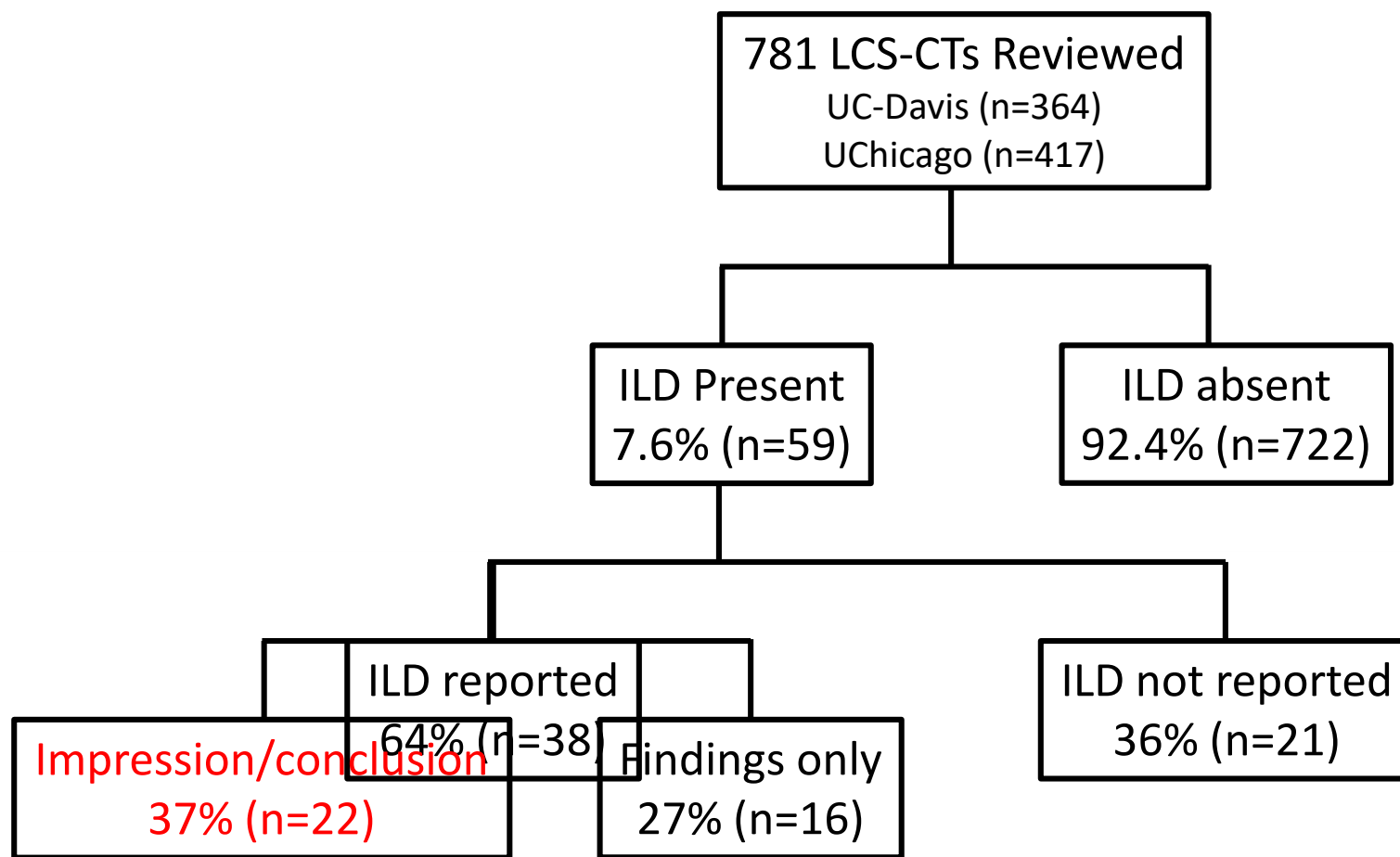
**Figure 3.** Kaplan-Meier survival curves comparing participants without ILA, participants with ILA without progressive imaging, and participants with ILA with progressive imaging. Follow-up for the mortality analyses (time zero) begins at MDCT-2, the second computed tomography scan used for sequential comparisons. ILA = interstitial lung abnormalities; MDCT-2 = Framingham Heart Study Multidetector Computed Tomography 2 Study.



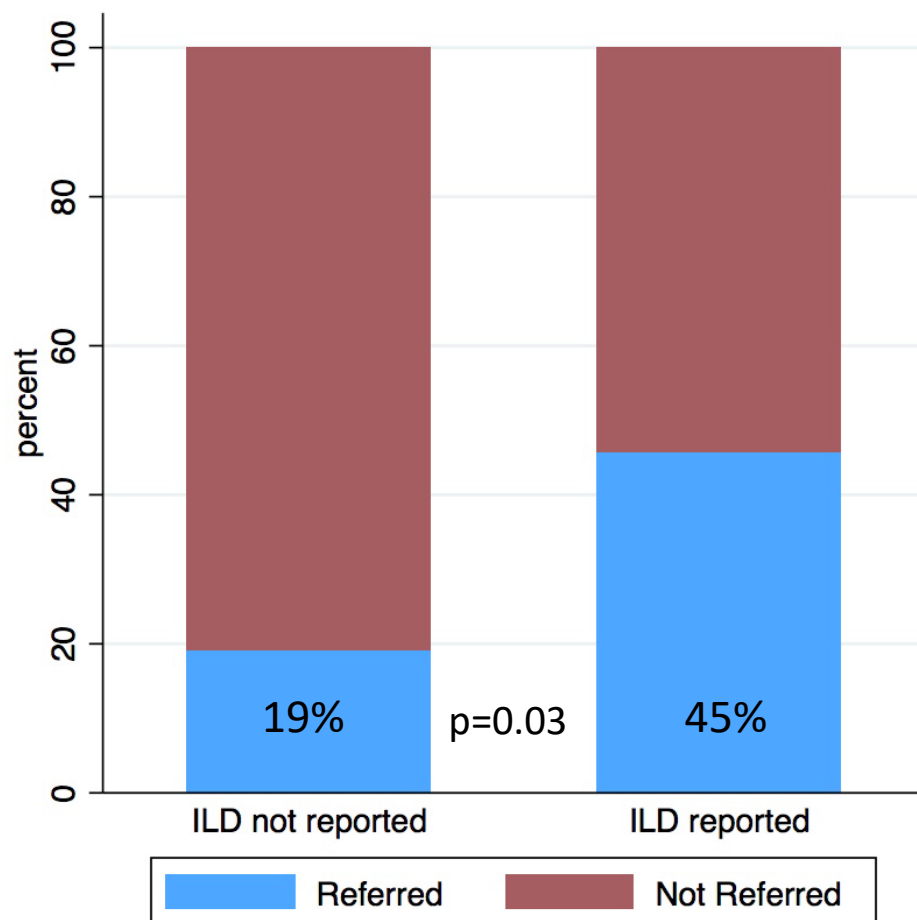
# ILA/Incidental ILD

- Occurs in 7-10% of patients undergoing low-dose CT for lung cancer screening (LCS)
- Is associated with a high risk of progression
- Is associated with an increased risk of death

How is ILD being reported?  
How are these patients being managed?



<b>Primary Care Physician Characteristics</b>	<b>UC-Davis (n=26)</b>	<b>UChicago (n=33)</b>	<b>Combined cohort (n=59)</b>
ILD mentioned in PCP notes, n (%)	5 (19.2)	2 (6.1)	7 (11.9)
PFT ordered by PCP, n (%)	4 (15.4)	3 (9.1)	7 (11.9)
Pulmonary Referral placed by PCP, n (%)	7 (26.9)	10 (30.3)	17 (28.2)



**Table 2. Factors Associated with Pulmonology Referral**

Characteristic	Adjusted Model*		
	OR	p-value	95% CI
ILD Reported by radiologist	2.4	<b>0.019</b>	1.15-4.98
Age	1.01	0.92	0.90-1.13
Male gender	2.32	0.25	0.55-9.87
Active smoker	0.22	<b>0.04</b>	0.05-0.96
Emphysema >10%	2.65	0.18	0.65-10.95

\* Adjusted for variables above, race and center

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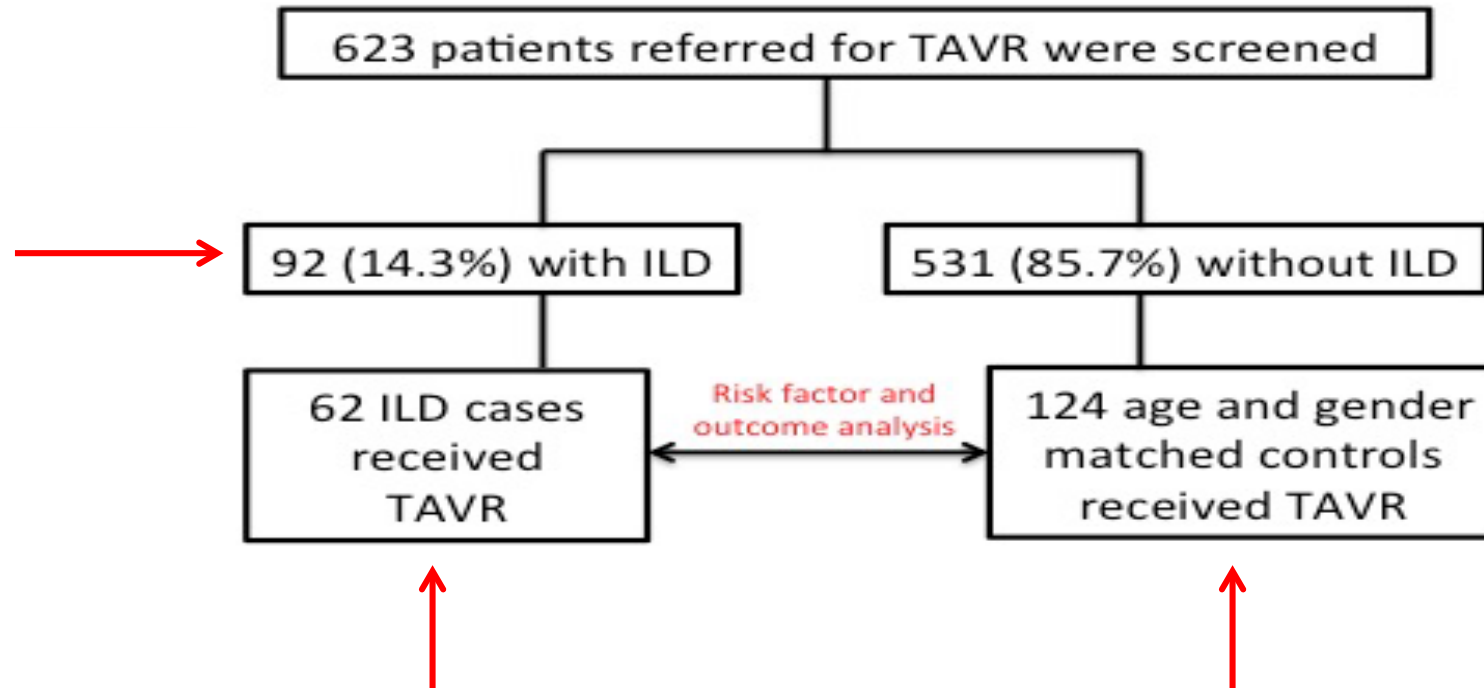
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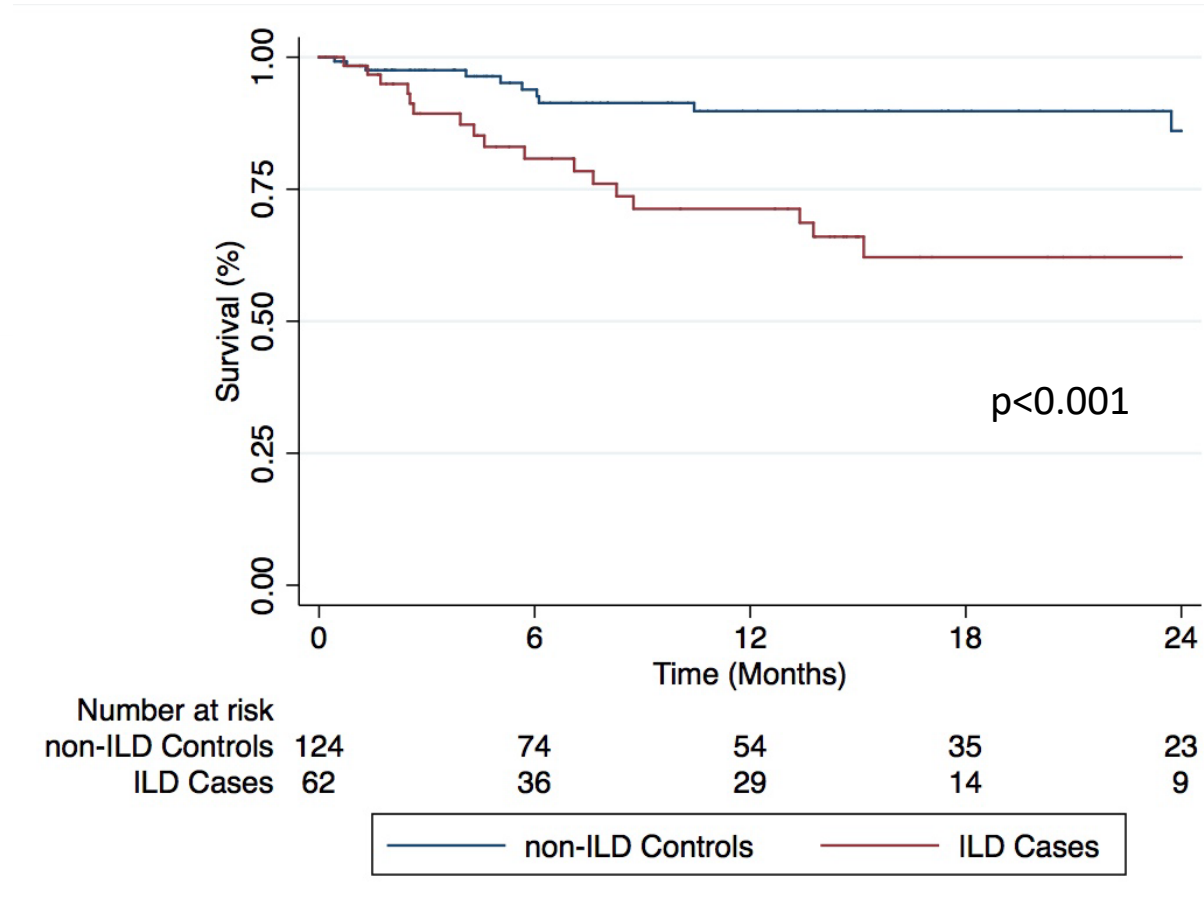
Characteristic	Transcatheter Aortic-Valve Implantation for Aortic Stenosis in Patients Who Cannot Undergo Surgery		P-value
Age — mean (SD)	70.2 (10.6)	70.2 (10.6)	.95
Male	121 (67.6)	133 (74.3)	.92
STS score	10.5 (3.5)	10.5 (3.5)	.14
Logistic Euro II	12.5 (3.5)	12.5 (3.5)	.04
NYHA class	1.8 (0.8)	1.8 (0.8)	.68
II	121 (67.6)	133 (74.3)	
II	121 (67.6)	133 (74.3)	
Coronary artery disease — no. (%)	121 (67.6)	133 (74.3)	0.20
Previous myocardial infarction — no./total no. (%)	33/177 (18.6)	47/178 (26.4)	0.10
Previous intervention — no./total no. (%)			
CABG	58/155 (37.4)	73/160 (45.6)	0.17
PCI	47/154 (30.5)	39/157 (24.8)	0.31
Balloon aortic valvuloplasty	25/154 (16.2)	39/160 (24.4)	0.09
Cerebral vascular disease — no./total no. (%)	48/175 (27.4)	46/167 (27.5)	1.00
Peripheral vascular disease — no./total no. (%)	54/178 (30.3)	45/179 (25.1)	0.29
COPD — no. (%)			
Any	74 (41.3)	94 (52.5)	0.04
Oxygen-dependent	38 (21.2)	46 (25.7)	0.38

# Chest CT in trans-catheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) recipients





# Survival among TAVR recipients stratified by the presence of ILD



## Early Detection of ILD

- CT Screening in high-risk groups
- Pulmonary Function Testing in high-risk groups

# Pulmonary Function Tests: High Rate of False-Negative Results in the Early Detection and Screening of Scleroderma-Related Interstitial Lung Disease

**Table 2.** Comparative performance of FVC and combined PFTs for screening and early diagnosis of SSc-related ILD\*

Parameter	FVC <80%	Combined PFTs				
		FVC <80% or $\Delta$ FVC $\geq$ 10%†	FVC <80% or TLC <80%	FVC <80% or DLco <70%	FVC <80% or TLC <80% or DLco <70%	FVC <80% or $\Delta$ FVC $\geq$ 10% or TLC <80% or DLco <70% and FEV <sub>1</sub> /FVC >0.7‡
False-negative rate	62.5 (40/64)	44.7 (21/47)	55.0 (35/64)	41.0 (26/64)	37.0 (24/64)	27.0 (15/54)
False-positive rate	7.9 (3/38)	31.0 (6/19)	13.2 (5/38)	34.3 (13/38)	37.0 (14/38)	56.0 (13/23)
Sensitivity	37.5 (0.3–0.5)	55.3 (0.4–0.7)	45.0 (0.3–0.5)	59.0 (0.4–0.7)	62.0 (0.5–0.7)	72.0 (0.6–0.8)
Specificity	92 (0.8–1.0)	68.4 (0.5–0.8)	86.0 (0.7–0.9)	65.8 (0.5–0.7)	63.0 (0.4–0.7)	43.0 (0.3–0.6)
Positive LR	4.7 (1.5–4.7)	1.7 (0.8–3.5)	3.4 (1.4–8.1)	1.7 (1.0–2.8)	1.7 (1.0–2.6)	1.3 (0.9–1.9)
Negative LR	0.7 (0.5–0.8)	0.7 (0.4–1.0)	0.6 (0.4–0.8)	0.6 (0.4–0.9)	0.6 (0.4–0.8)	0.6 (0.3–1.2)

Can individual and composite PFT metrics predict ILD among the general population?

1690 unique patients completed PFT from 1/1/15-12/31/15

14,156 Chest CTs performed 7/1/14-6/30/16

653 patients completed chest CT within 6 months of 2015 PFT

121 (18.5%) patients with ILD

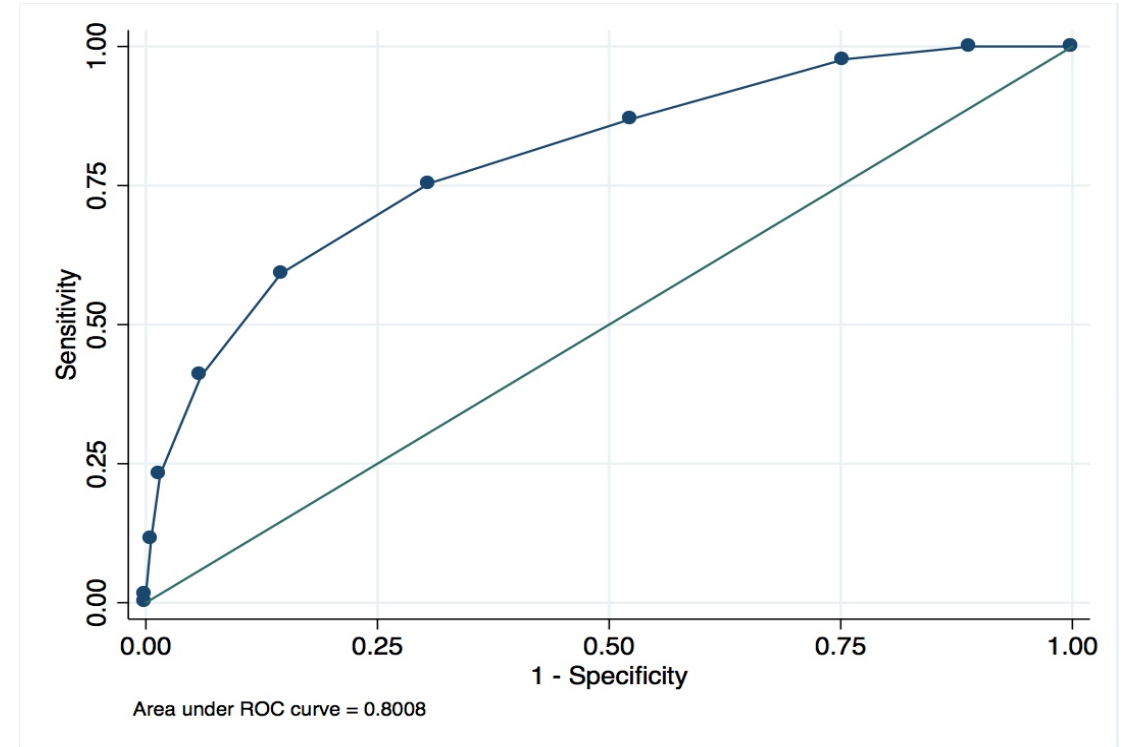
532 (81.5%) patients without ILD

Clinical and PFT predictors of ILD

Age Gender Race BMI	TLC % predicted FVC % predicted FEV1 % predicted DLCO % predicted
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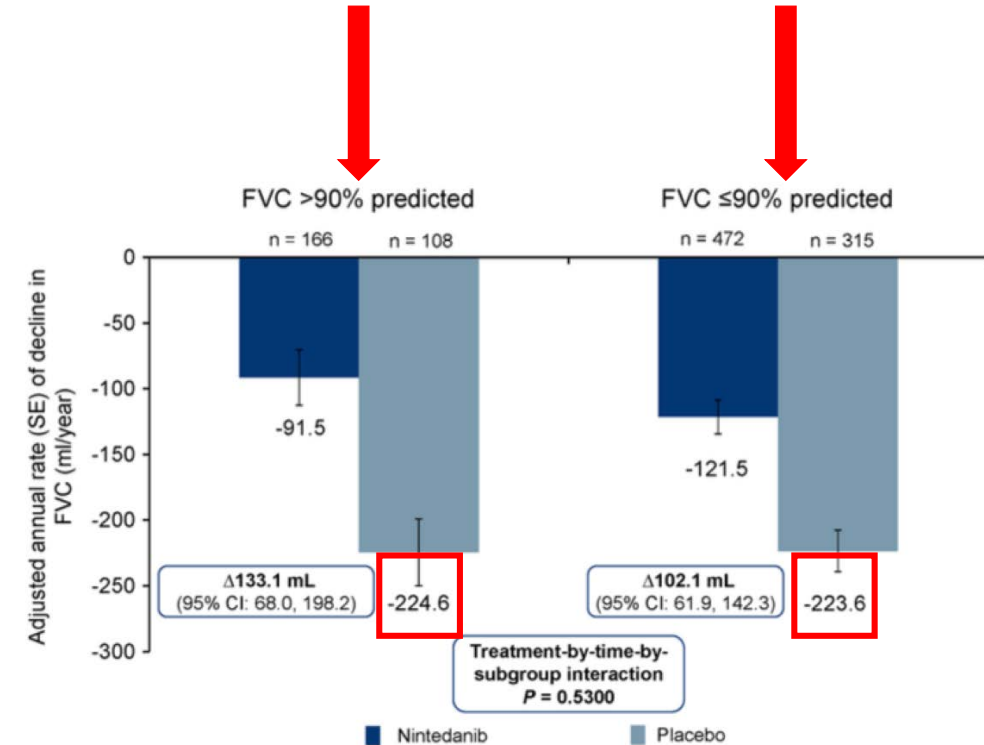
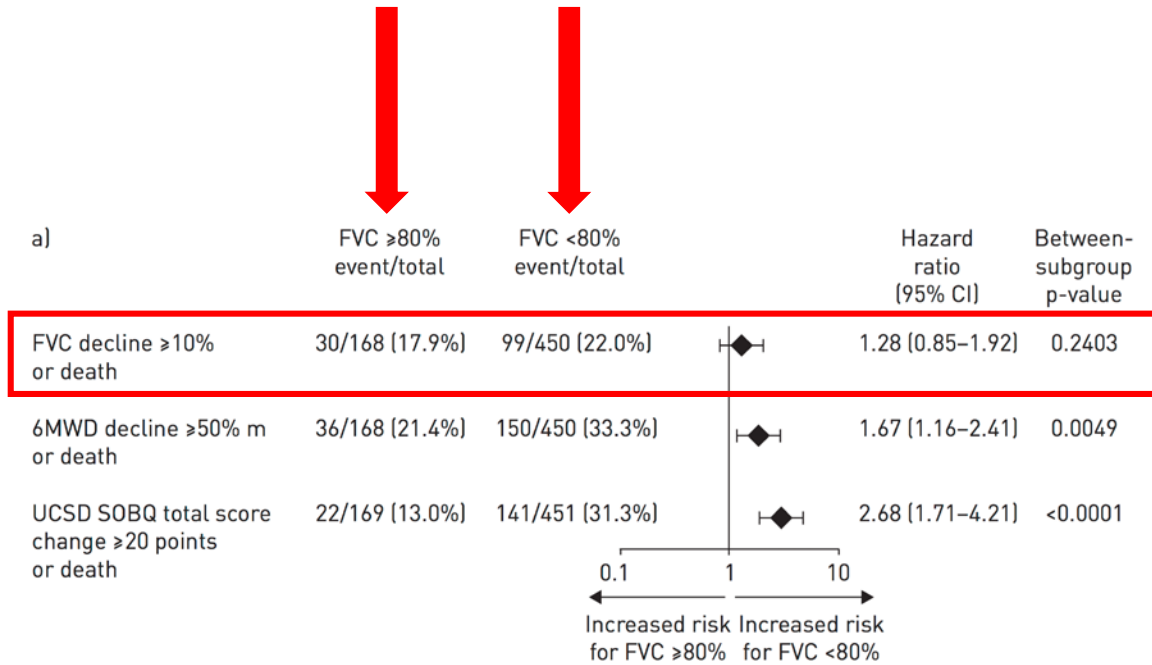
# Early ILD Detection – PFT

- Predictors of ILD
  - Increasing age
  - Increasing FEV1 % predicted
  - Decreasing TLC % predicted
  - Decreasing DLCO % predicted
    - Replicated in 2016 cohort (n=680)
- An ILD risk score using above predictors of ILD explained ~80% ILD risk
- >3 points has sensitivity and specificity of ~75%



Prospective validation completed January 1, 2018

# Early detection is possible...is it necessary?



**Figure 1** Adjusted annual rate (SE) of decline in FVC (mL/year) by subgroup.

Without intervention, progression is common in most ILD irrespective of baseline pulmonary function



# Summary

- There is no such thing as “mild ILD”
  - Think of these patients as having ILD that you caught in the early stage!
- Early recognition is critical
  - Listen for crackles on lung exam (crackles are never normal)
  - Screen high risk populations
    - Smokers undergoing CT for LCS and other indications
    - Patients with DOE, cough undergoing PFT
- Early recognition = earlier diagnosis & earlier treatment

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# Thank You!

