

# Diffuse Lung Disease

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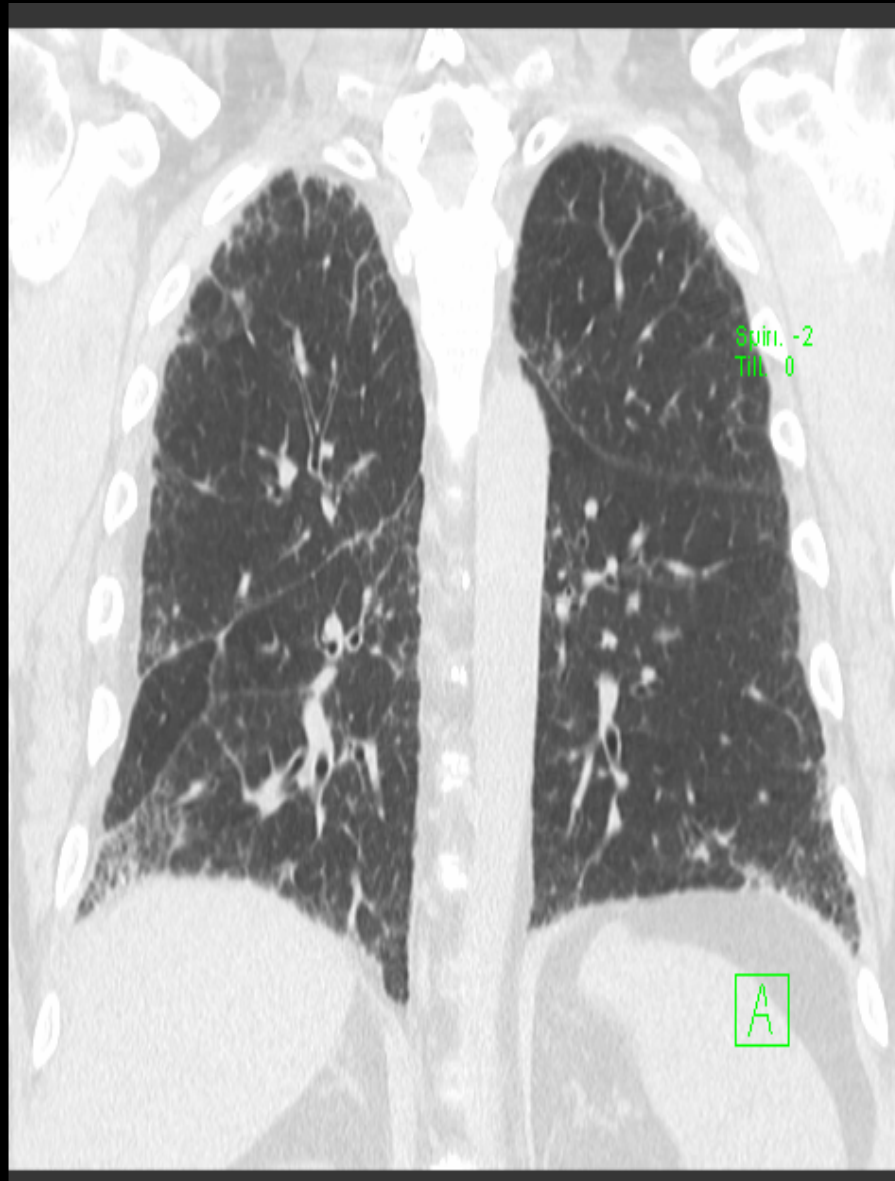
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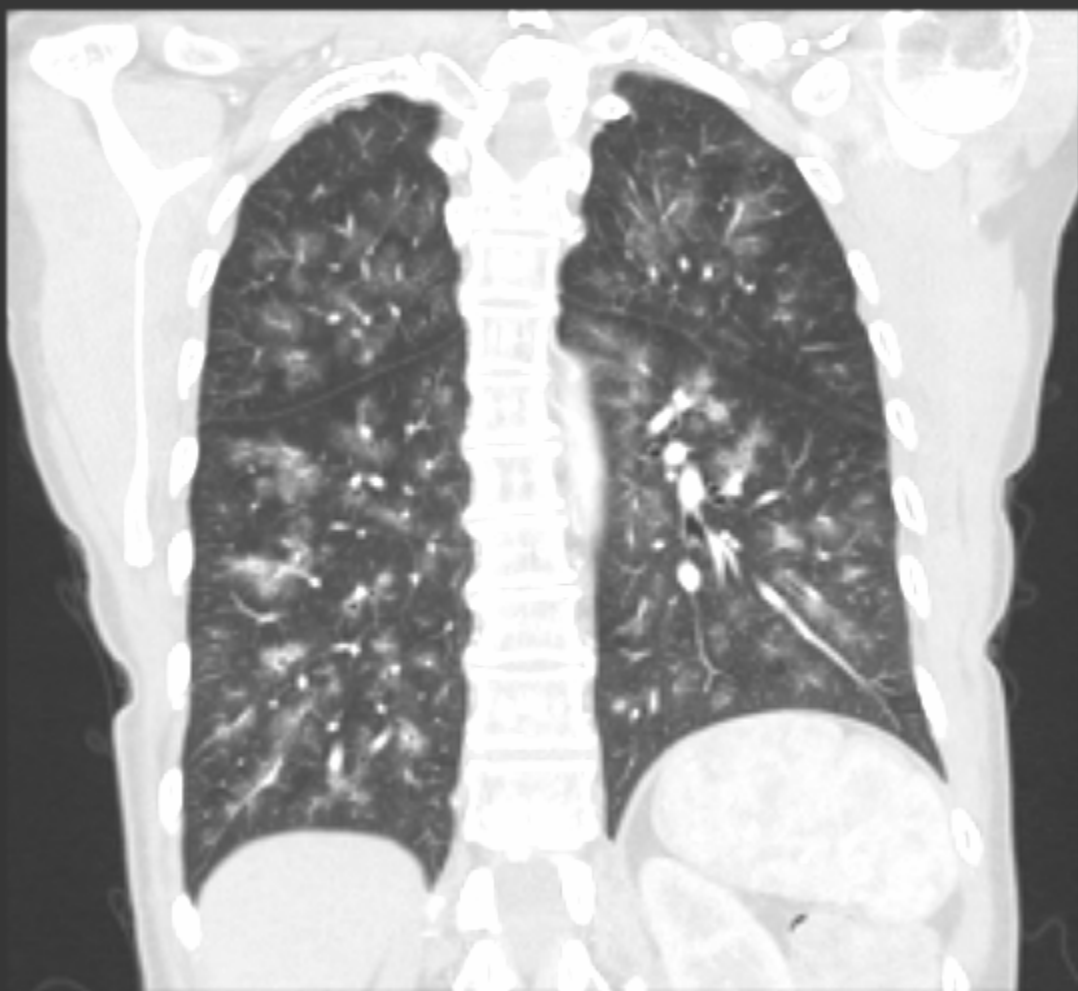
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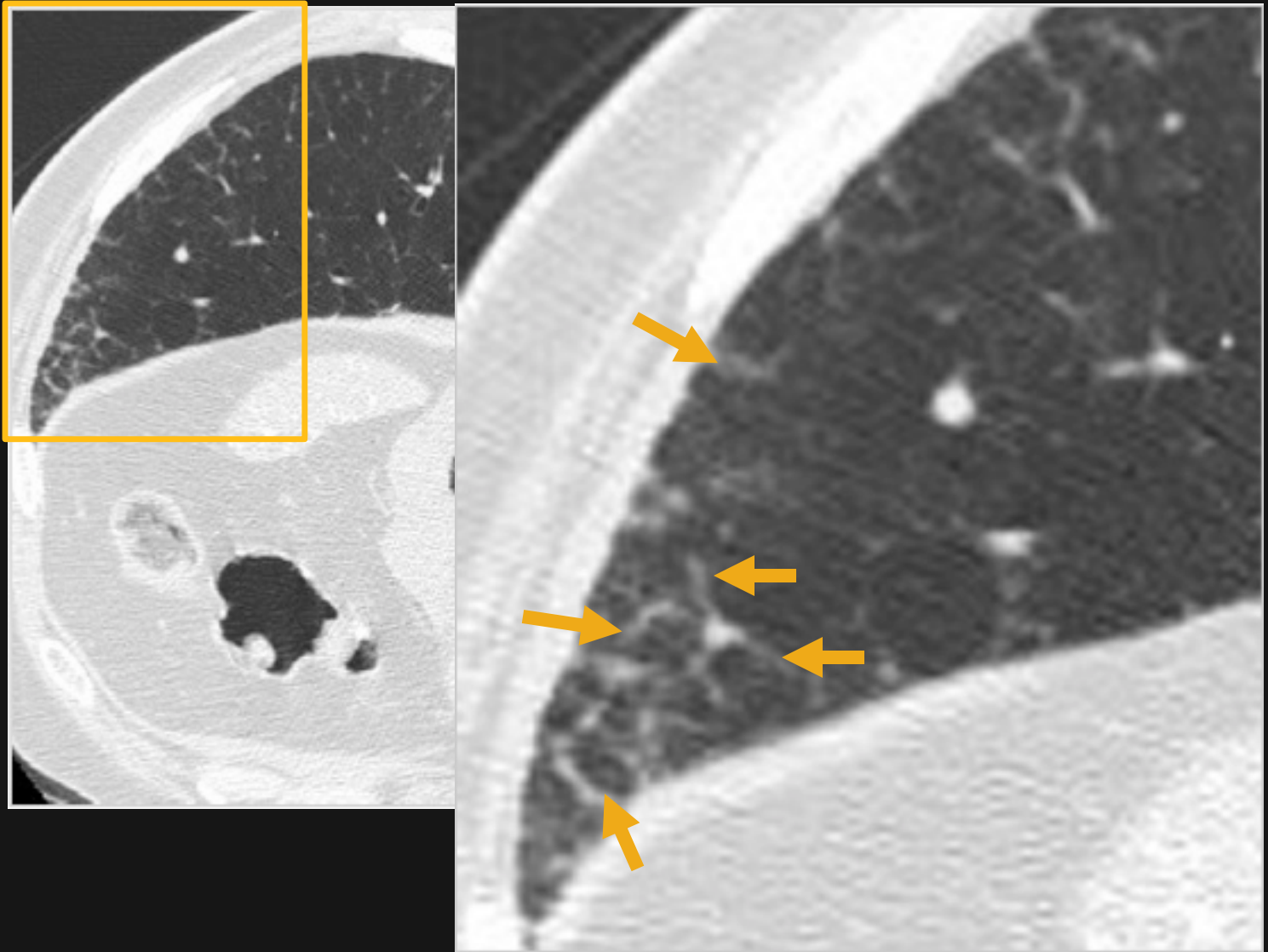
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# The problem







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TABLE 1-1 Scope and Classification of Interstitial Lung Disease

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Collagen vascular disease associated		Drug and treatment induced—cont'd	
Scleroderma	1-3	Dietary Supplement	
Polymyositis-Dermatomyositis	4,5	L-Tryptophan	49
Systemic lupus erythematosus	6-8	Dopaminergic drugs	
Rheumatoid arthritis	9-11	Bromocryptine	50
Ankylosing spondylitis	12	Radiation	51,52
Mixed connective tissue disease	13,14	Oxygen	53,54
Primary Sjögren's syndrome	15,16	Paraquat	55,56
Behcet's syndrome	17,18	Primary or unclassified disease related	
Drug and treatment induced		Sarcoidosis	57
Antibiotics		Eosinophilic granuloma	58
Nitrofurantoin	19	Amyloidosis	59
Sulfasalazine	20	Lymphangioliomyomatosis	60
Cephalosporin	21	Tuberous sclerosis	61
Antiarrhythmics		Neurofibromatosis	62
Amiodarone	22	Lymphangitic carcinomatosis	63
Tocainide	23	Gaucher's disease	64
Propranolol	24,25	Niemann-Pick disease	65
Antiinflammatory		Hermansky-Pudlak syndrome	66
Gold	26-28	Adult respiratory distress syndrome	67,68
Penicillamine	29	Bone marrow transplantation	69,70
Anticonvulsant		Acquired immune deficiency syndrome	71
Dilantin	30	Postinfection	72,73
Chemotherapeutic Agents	31	Wegener's granulomatosis	74
Antibiotics		Giant cell arteritis	75
Mitomycin C	32	Respiratory bronchiolitis	76
Bleomycin	33,34	Interstitial cardiogenic edema	
Alkylating Agents		Pulmonary veno-occlusive disease	77
Busulfan	35	Alveolar filling diseases	
Cyclophosphamide	36	Alveolar proteinosis	78
Chlorambucil	37	Diffuse alveolar hemorrhage	79
Melphalan	38	Lipoid pneumonia	80
Antimetabolites		Bronchioloalveolar carcinoma	81
Methotrexate	39,40	Pulmonary lymphoma	82
Azathioprine	41	Chronic aspiration	83
Cytosine Arabinoside	42,43	Eosinophilic pneumonia	84-86
Nitrosoureas	44	Alveolar microlithiasis	87
Carmustine (BCNU)	45	Alveolar sarcoidosis	57
Lomustine (CCNU)	46	Metastatic pulmonary calcification	
Other Cytotoxic Drugs			
Procarbazine	47		
Nilutemide	48		



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Occupational and environmental exposure related		Occupational and environmental exposure related—cont'd	
Inorganic		Organic (hypersensitivity pneumonitis)—cont'd	
Silicosis	88-90	Maple bark stripper's lung	
Asbestosis	91,92	Malt worker's lung	
Talc pneumoconiosis	93,94	Tea grower's lung	
Kaolin pneumoconiosis	95	Suberosis (cork)	
Diatomaceous earth pneumoconiosis	96	Lycoperdonosis (lycoperdon puffballs)	
Aluminum oxide fibrosis	97	Compost lung	
Berylliosis	98,99	Humidifier lung	
Hard metal fibrosis	100	Sauna taker's lung	
Coal workers' pneumoconiosis	101	Woodman's disease (oak and maple)	
Baritosis (barium)	102	Pauli's hypersensitivity pneumonitis (reagent)	
Antimony pneumoconiosis	103	Pituitary snuff taker's disease	
Silicosiderosis (iron oxide)	104	Detergent worker's lung (isocyanates)	
Polyvinyl chloride pneumoconiosis	105	Japanese summer-type hypersensitivity	
Shale pneumoconiosis	106	Thatched roof lung	
Siderosis (arc welder's lung)	107	Familial hypersensitivity pneumonitis (wood dust)	
Stannosis (tin)	108	Vineyard sprayer's lung	
Silicone pneumonitis	109	Laboratory worker's lung (rat urine)	
Organic (hypersensitivity pneumonitis)	110-131	Mollusk shell hypersensitivity pneumonitis	
Bagassosis (sugar cane)			
Bird breeder's lung (pigeons, parakeets, and so on)		Fibrotic disorders of unknown etiology	
Chicken handler's lung		Acute interstitial pneumonia	132
Duck fever		Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	133
Dove handler's disease		Familial idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	134
Farmer's lung		Lymphocytic interstitial pneumonia	135
Coffee worker's lung		Bronchiolitis obliterans organizing pneumonia (cryptogenic organizing pneumonia)	136,137
Tobacco grower's lung		Autoimmune hemolytic anemia	138
Coptic disease (mummy wrappings)		Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura	139
Cheese worker's lung		Cryoglobulinemia	140
Fishmeal worker's lung		Inflammatory bowel disease	141
Furrier's lung		Coeliac disease	142
Meat worker's lung		Whipple's disease	143
Mushroom worker's lung		Primary biliary cirrhosis	144
Paprika splitter's lung		Chronic active hepatitis	145
Miller's lung (wheat flour)		Cryptogenic cirrhosis	145
Wood worker's disease			
Sequoiosis			



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Multidisciplinary Discussion

# The clinical context improves the diagnostic accuracy of radiologists

Degree of Difficulty Based on the Diagnosis	Irrelevant		Directive (Correct)	
	No Cue	Cue	No Cue	Cue
Normal (obvious)	0.81	0.78	0.81	0.81
Normal (difficult)	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73
Abnormal (difficult)	0.44	0.48	0.67	0.67
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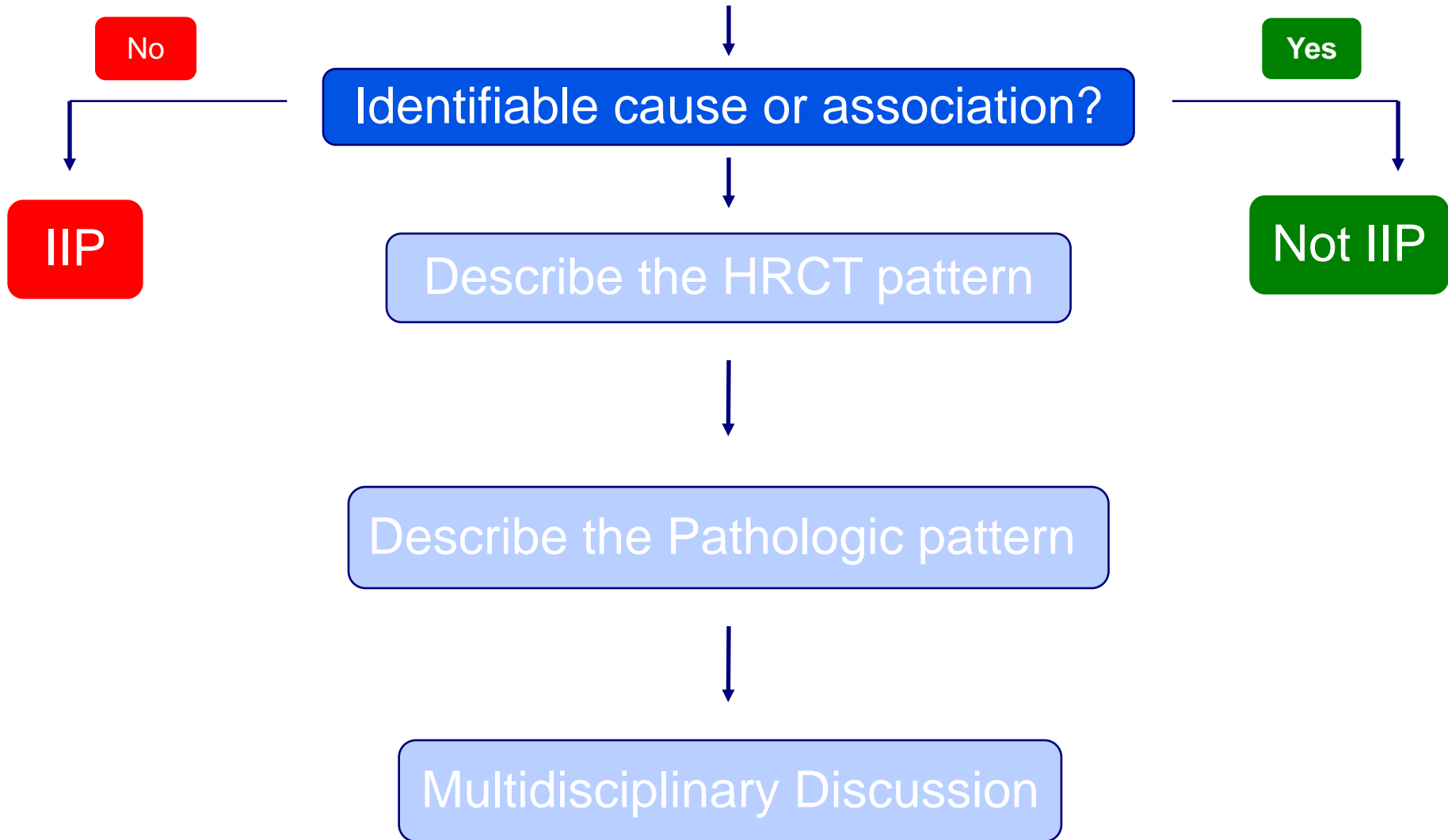
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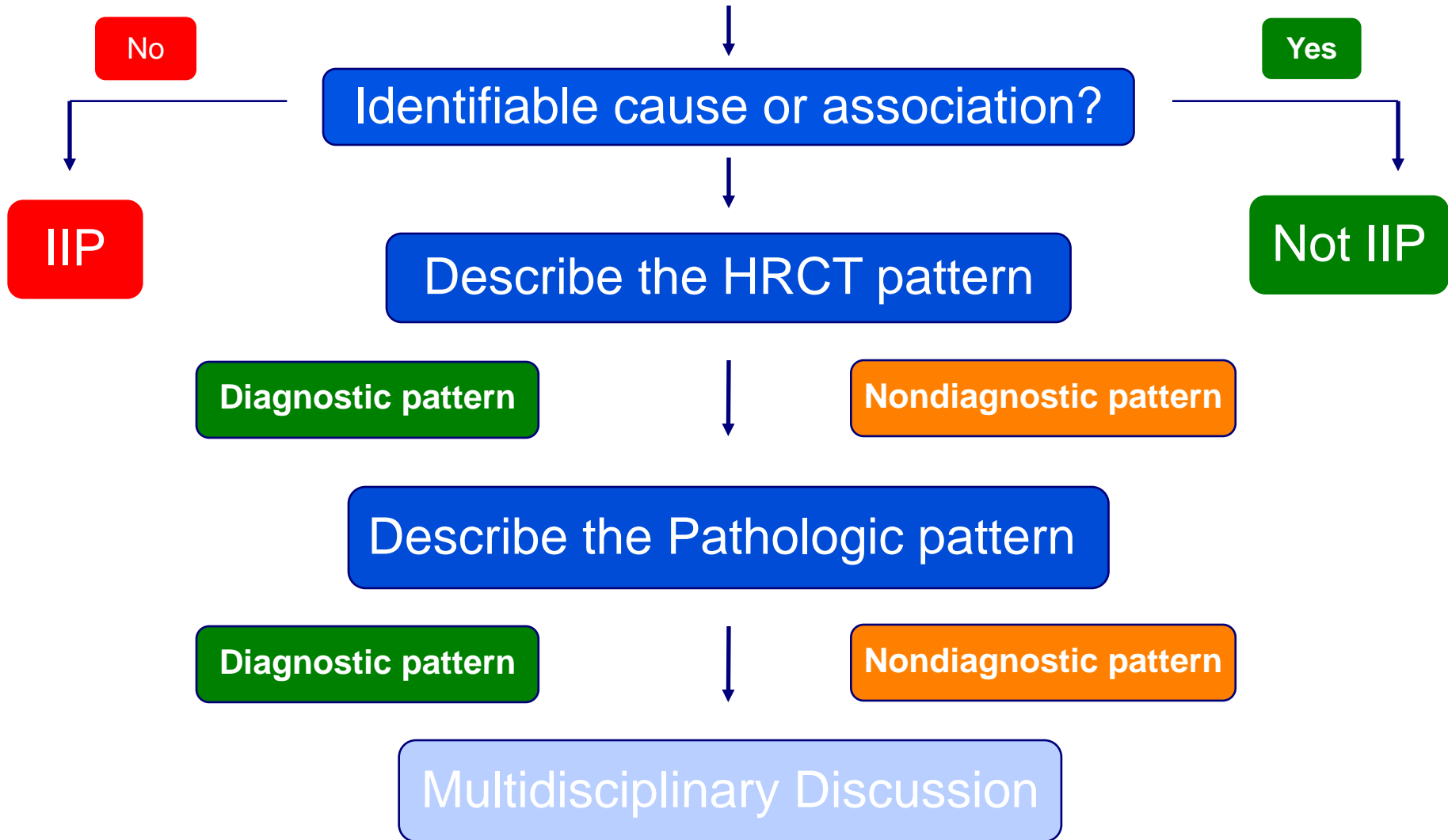
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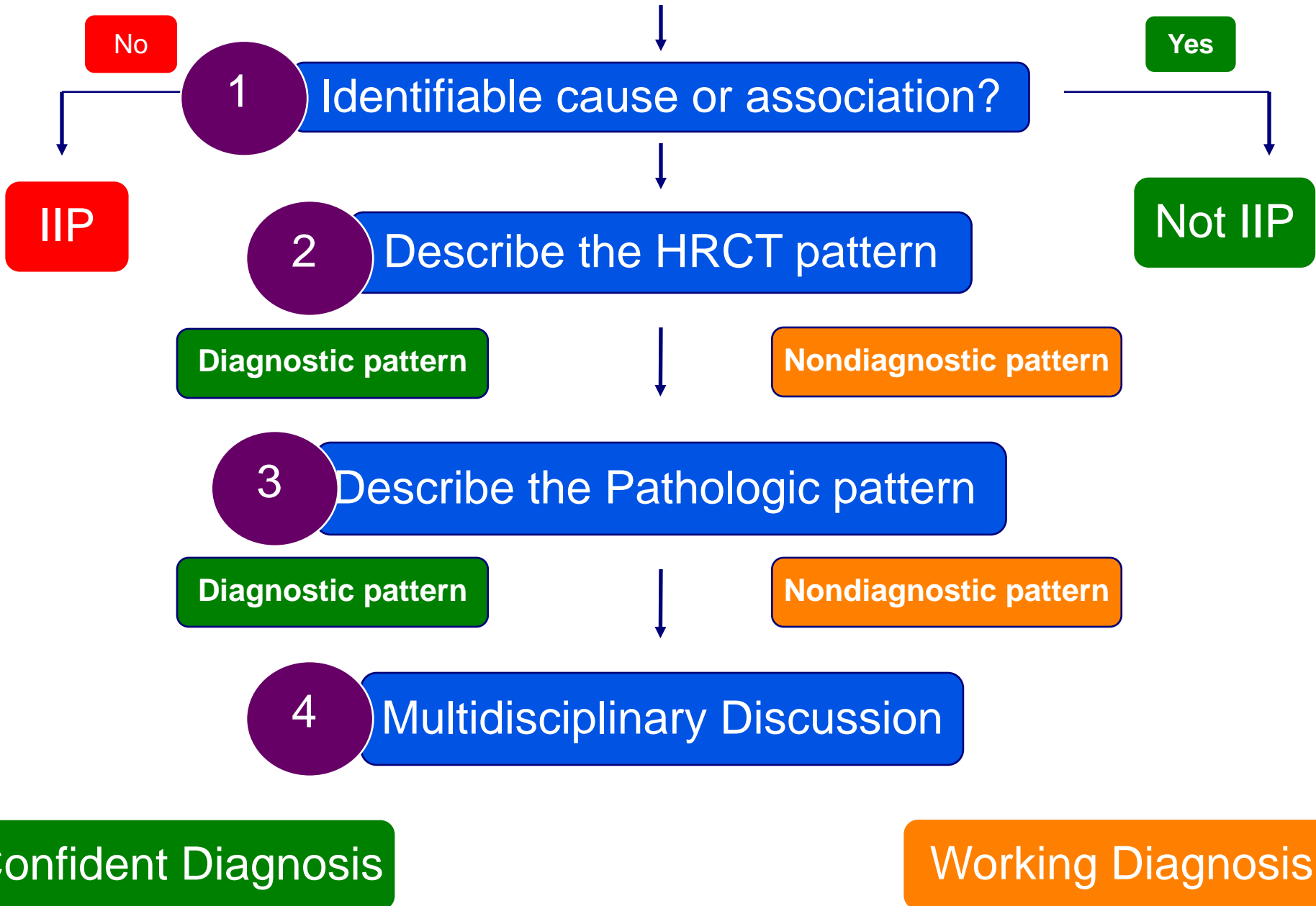
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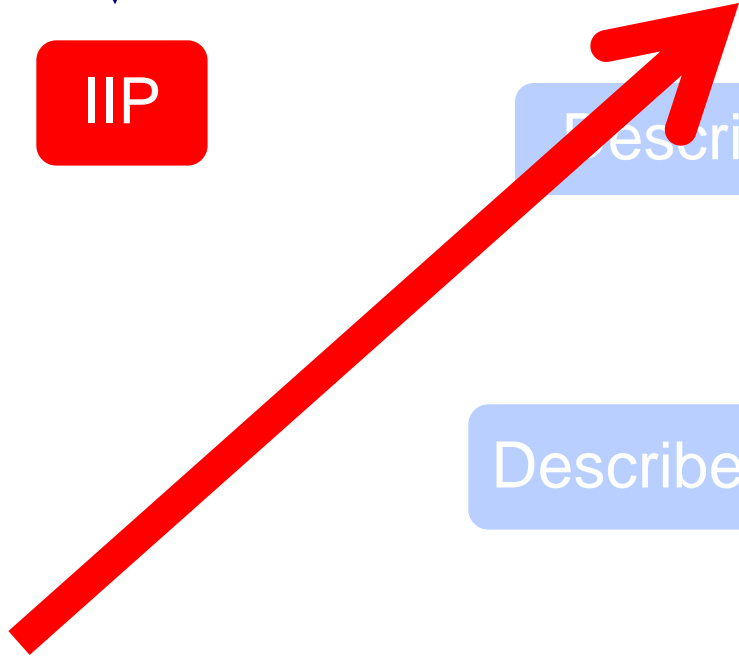
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# Useful clinical questions

## Review



## Diagnostic criteria for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis: a Fleischner Society White Paper

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## **Panel 2: Clinical checklist for alternative diagnoses**

### **General**

- What are the severity, duration, and pace of the primary respiratory symptoms?

### **Systemic autoimmune disease**

- Are symptoms or signs of a systemic autoimmune disorder present?
- Are serological findings suggestive of an autoimmune disorder? Eg, rheumatoid arthritis, systemic sclerosis, polymyositis and dermatomyositis, Steven-Johnson syndrome, or mixed-connective tissue disease.

### **Other systemic disease (sarcoid, immune-system abnormalities)**

- Is there evidence of other organ involvement?

### **Hypersensitivity pneumonitis**

- Does the patient have a clinically relevant exposure to an antigen, generally inhaled, known to result in the development of hypersensitivity pneumonitis?
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- What are they exposed to in their home or work environment? Is there water damage?
- Is the exposure clinically significant?
- Is the intensity clinically significant?
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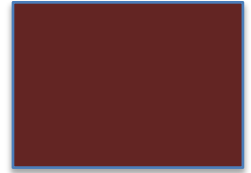
### **Drug-Induced lung disease**

- Does the patient use any medicines, herbs, vitamins, supplements, or recreational drugs that could account for the presence of lung disease?

### **Specific genetic syndromes**

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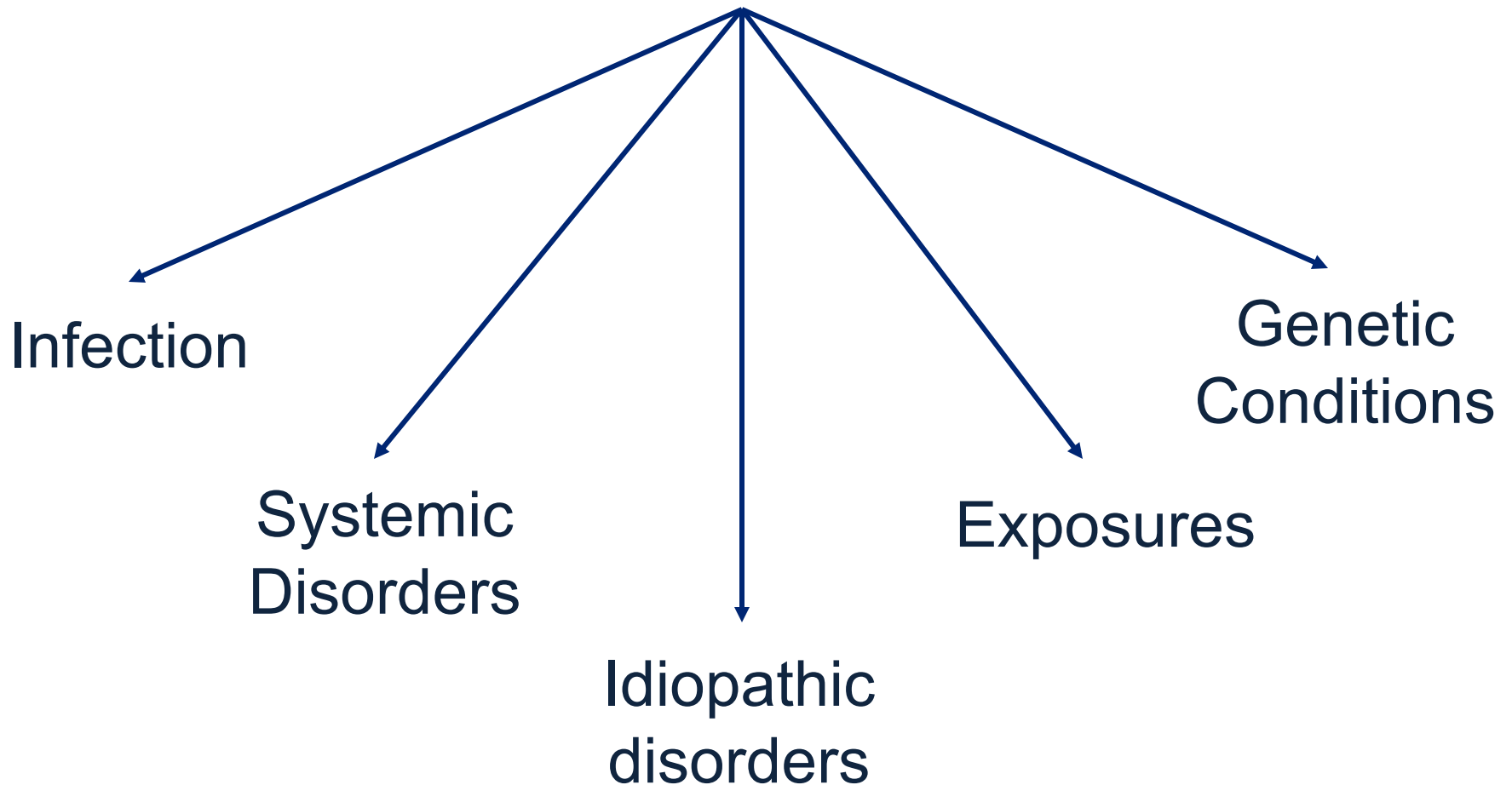
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# Idiopathic Interstitial Pneumonias

Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF)

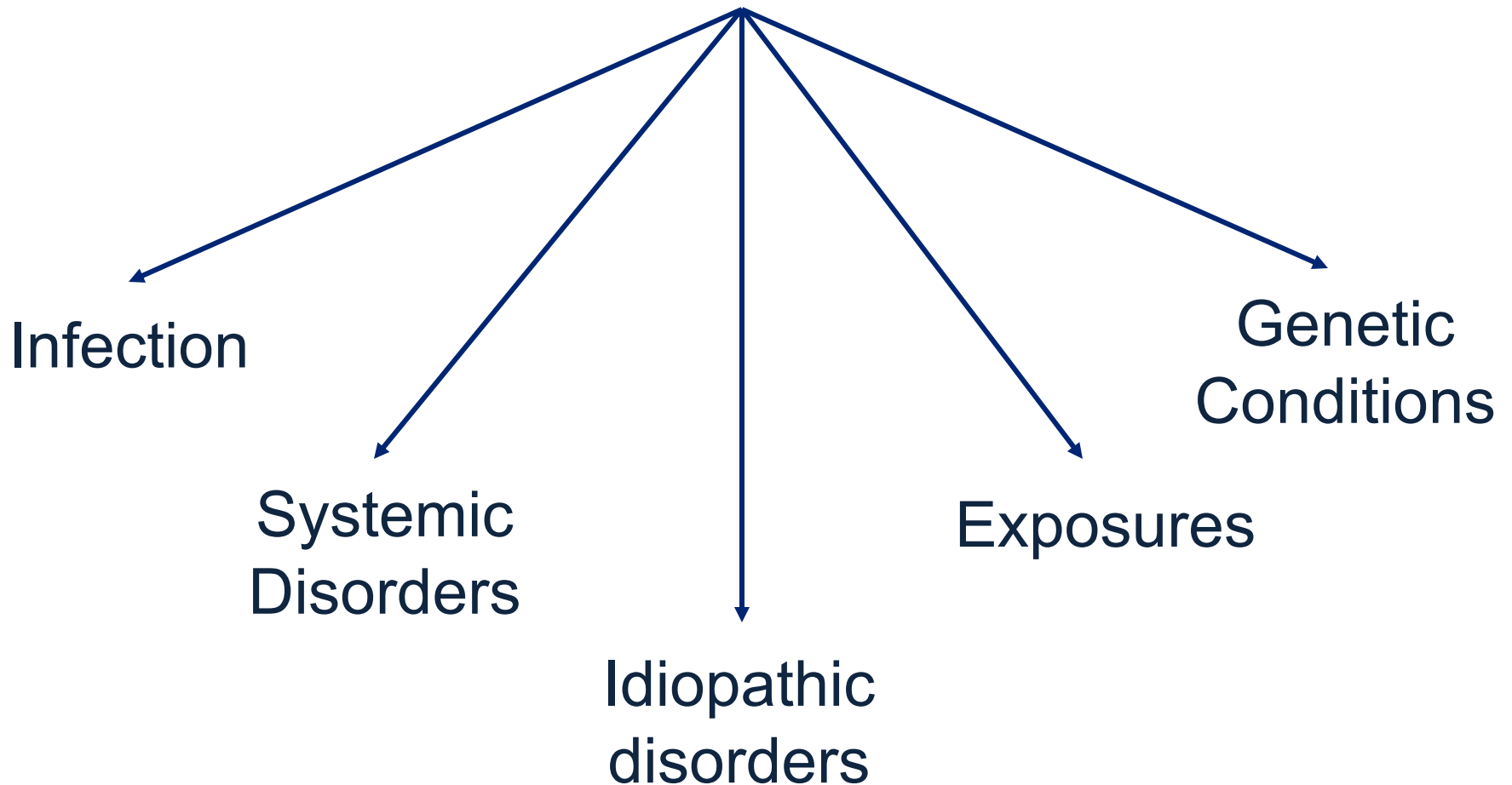
Nonspecific Interstitial Pneumonia (NSIP)

Cryptogenic Organizing Pneumonia (COP)

Desquamative Interstitial Pneumonia/  
Respiratory Bronchiolitis-ILD (DIP/RBILD)

Acute Interstitial Pneumonia (AIP)

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# Infections

## Atypical Pneumonia

Mycoplasma

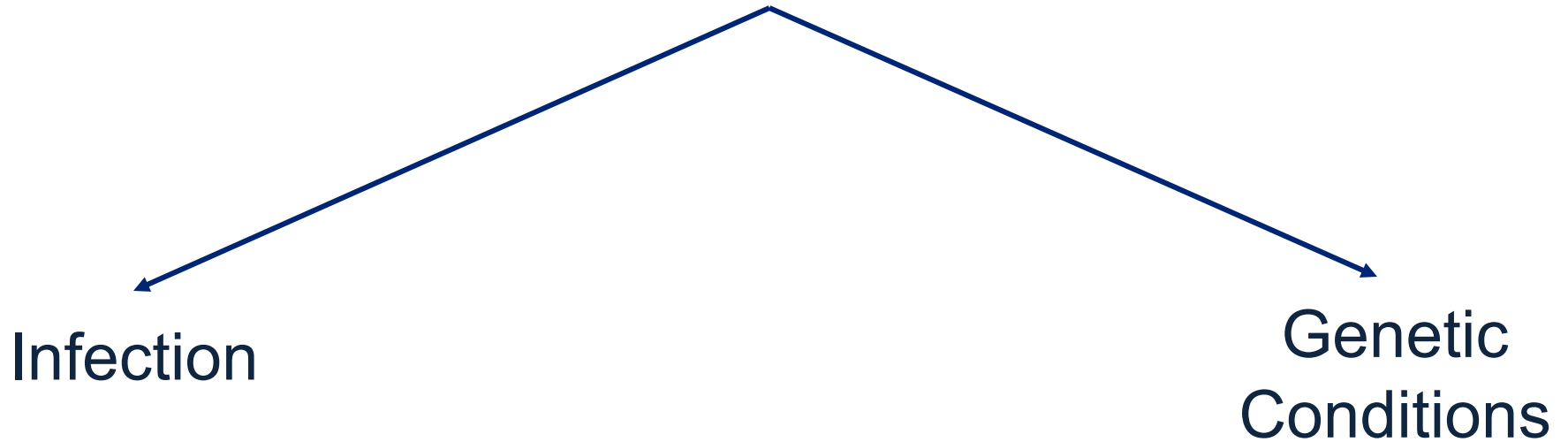
Chlamydia

Viral

Pneumocystis

Mycobacterial

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# Genetic conditions

Hermansky Pudlak

Familial Interstitial Pneumonia

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# Summary of common genetic variants linked to idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF)

Locus	Gene	SNP	IPF risk	IPF survival
2q14	<i>IL1RN</i>	rs408392	Yes	
		rs419598	Yes	
		rs2637988	Yes	
3q26	<i>hTR</i>	rs6793295	Yes	
4q13	<i>IL8</i>	rs4073	Yes	
		rs2227307	Yes	
4q22	<i>FAM13A</i>	rs2609255	Yes	
4q35	<i>TLR3</i>	rs3775291		Harmful
5p15	<i>TERT</i>	rs2736100	Yes	
6p21	<i>CDKN1A</i>	rs2395655	Yes	Harmful
6p21	<i>HLA-DRB1</i>		Yes	
6q24	<i>DSP</i>	rs2076295	Yes	
7q22	Intergenic	rs47274443	Yes	
10q24	<i>UBFC1</i>	rs11191865	Yes	
11p15	<i>MUC5B</i>	rs35705950	Yes	Protective
	<i>MUC2</i>	rs7934606	Yes	
	<i>TOLLIP</i>	rs111521887	Yes	
	<i>TOLLIP</i>	rs5743894	Yes	
	<i>TOLLIP</i>	rs2743890	Yes	Protective
13q34	<i>AIP11A</i>	rs1278769	Yes	
14q21	<i>MDGA2</i>	rs7144383	Yes	
15q14-15	Intergenic	rs2034650	Yes	
17q13	<i>TP53</i>	rs12951053	No	Harmful
	<i>TP53</i>	rs12602273	No	Harmful
17q21	<i>MAPT</i>	rs1981997	Yes	
17q21	<i>SPPL2C</i>	rs17690703	Yes	
19q13	<i>DPP9</i>	rs12610495	Yes	
19q13	<i>TGFB1</i>	rs1800470	No	Harmful

## Rare genetic variants linked to familial interstitial pneumonia (FIP)

Gene	Reported % of FIP
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<i>TERT</i>	8–15%
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<i>RTEL1</i>	5%
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<i>hTR</i>	<1%
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<i>DKC1</i>	<1%
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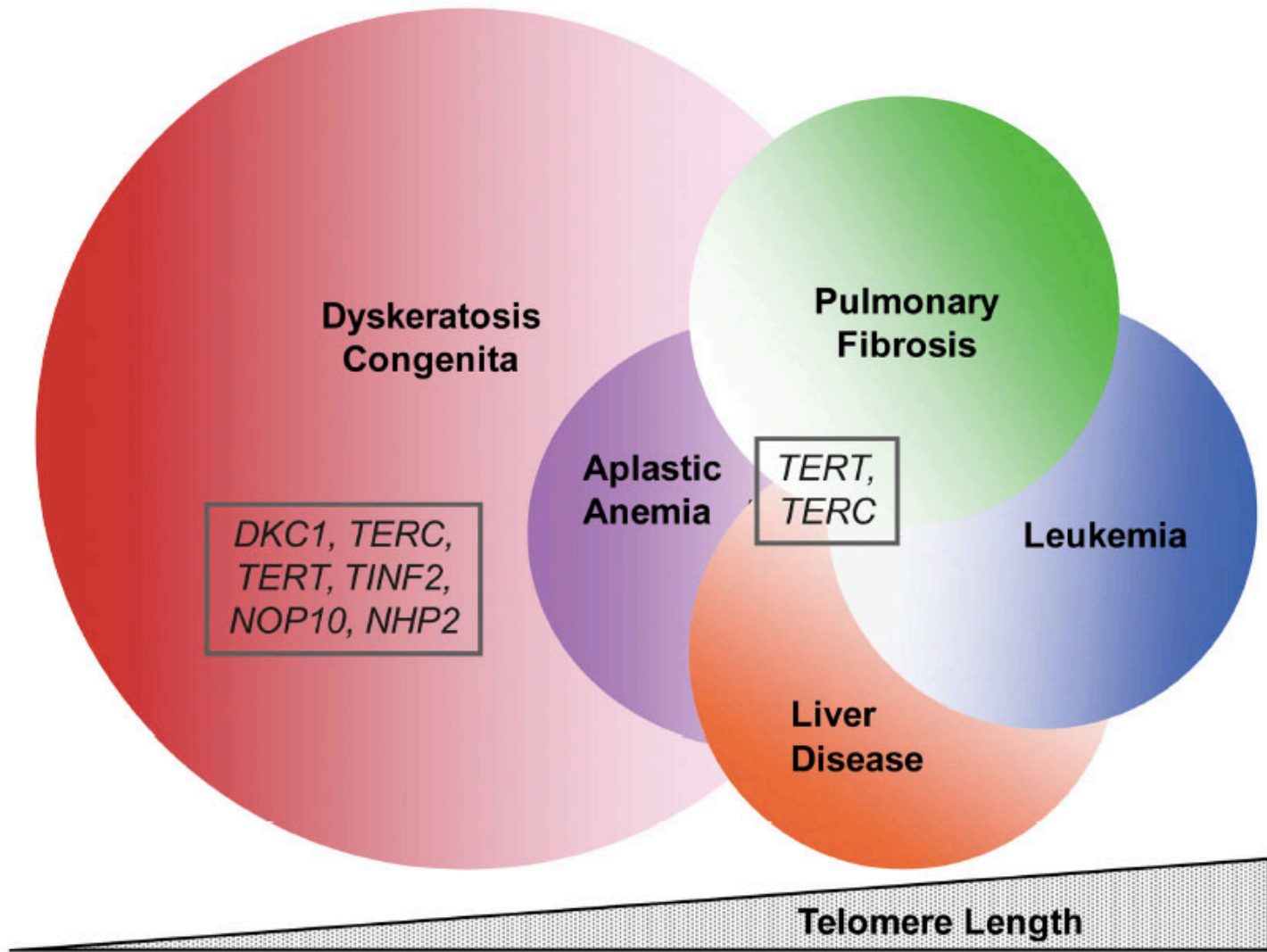
<i>TINF2</i>	<1%
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<i>SFTPC</i>	2–25%
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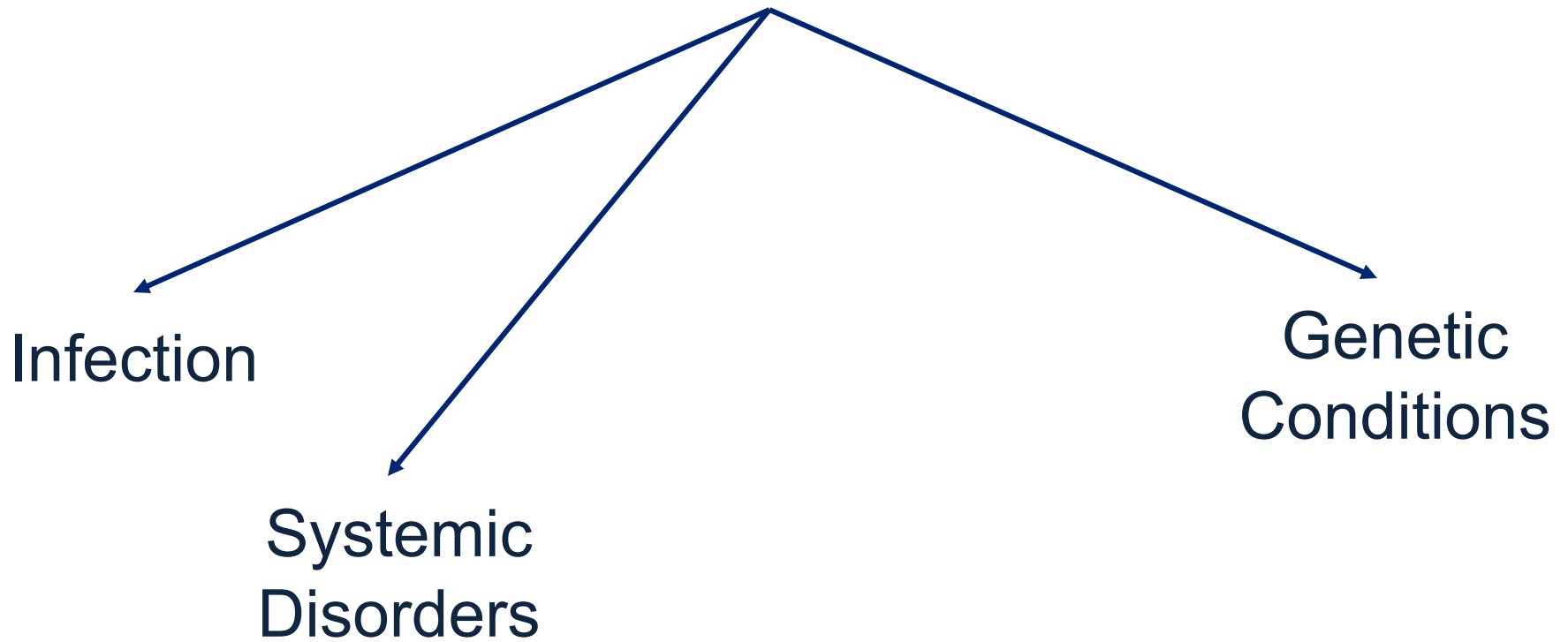
<i>SFTPA2</i>	<1%
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<i>ABCA3</i>	<1%
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Unknown	75–85%
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# Systemic Disorders

Sarcoidosis

Connective Tissue Disease

Immunodeficiency

Malignancy



# **Rheumatoid arthritis (RA)-specific autoantibodies in patients with interstitial lung disease and absence of clinically apparent articular RA**

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# **Lung disease with anti-CCP antibodies but not rheumatoid arthritis or connective tissue disease**

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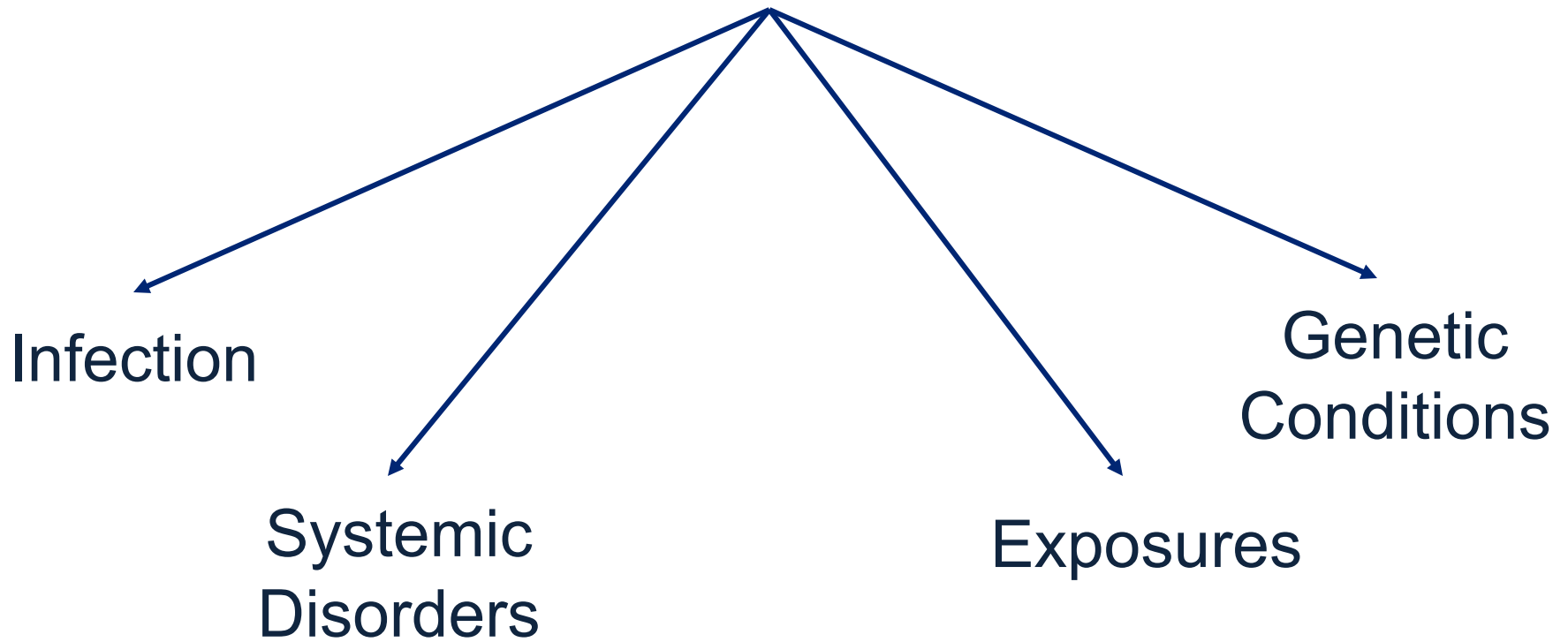
# **An official European Respiratory Society/ American Thoracic Society research statement: interstitial pneumonia with autoimmune features**



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# Interstitial Lung Disease



# Exposures

Medications/Drugs/Tobacco

Occupational

Avocational

Environmental

Accidental



# ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Interstitial Lung Disease in India Results of a Prospective Registry

### Abstract

**Rationale:** Interstitial lung disease (ILD) is a heterogeneous group of acute and chronic inflammatory and fibrotic lung diseases. Existing ILD registries have had variable findings. Little is known about the clinical profile of ILDs in India.

**Objectives:** To characterize new-onset ILDs in India by creating a prospective ILD using multidisciplinary discussion (MDD) to validate diagnoses.

**Methods:** Adult patients of Indian origin living in India with new-onset ILD (27 centers, 19 Indian cities, March 2012–June 2015) without malignancy or infection were included. All had connective tissue disease (CTD) serologies, spirometry, and high-resolution computed tomography chest. ILD pattern was defined by high-resolution computed tomography images. Three groups independently made diagnoses after review of clinical data including that from prompted case report forms: local site investigators, ILD experts at the National Data Coordinating

Center (NDCC; Jaipur, India) with MDD, and experienced ILD experts at the Center for ILD (CILD; Seattle, WA) with MDD. Cohen's  $\kappa$  was used to assess reliability of interobserver agreement.

**Measurements and Main Results:** A total of 1,084 patients were recruited. Final diagnosis: hypersensitivity pneumonitis in 47.3% ( $n = 513$ ; exposure, 48.1% air coolers), CTD-ILD in 13.9%, and idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis in 13.7%. Cohen's  $\kappa$ : 0.351 site investigator/CILD, 0.519 site investigator/NDCC, and 0.618 NDCC/CILD.

**Conclusions:** Hypersensitivity pneumonitis was the most common new-onset ILD in India, followed by CTD-ILD and idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis; diagnoses varied between site investigators and CILD experts, emphasizing the value of MDD in ILD diagnosis. Prompted case report forms including environmental exposures in prospective registries will likely provide further insight into the etiology and management of ILD worldwide.

**Keywords:** interstitial lung disease; registry; India



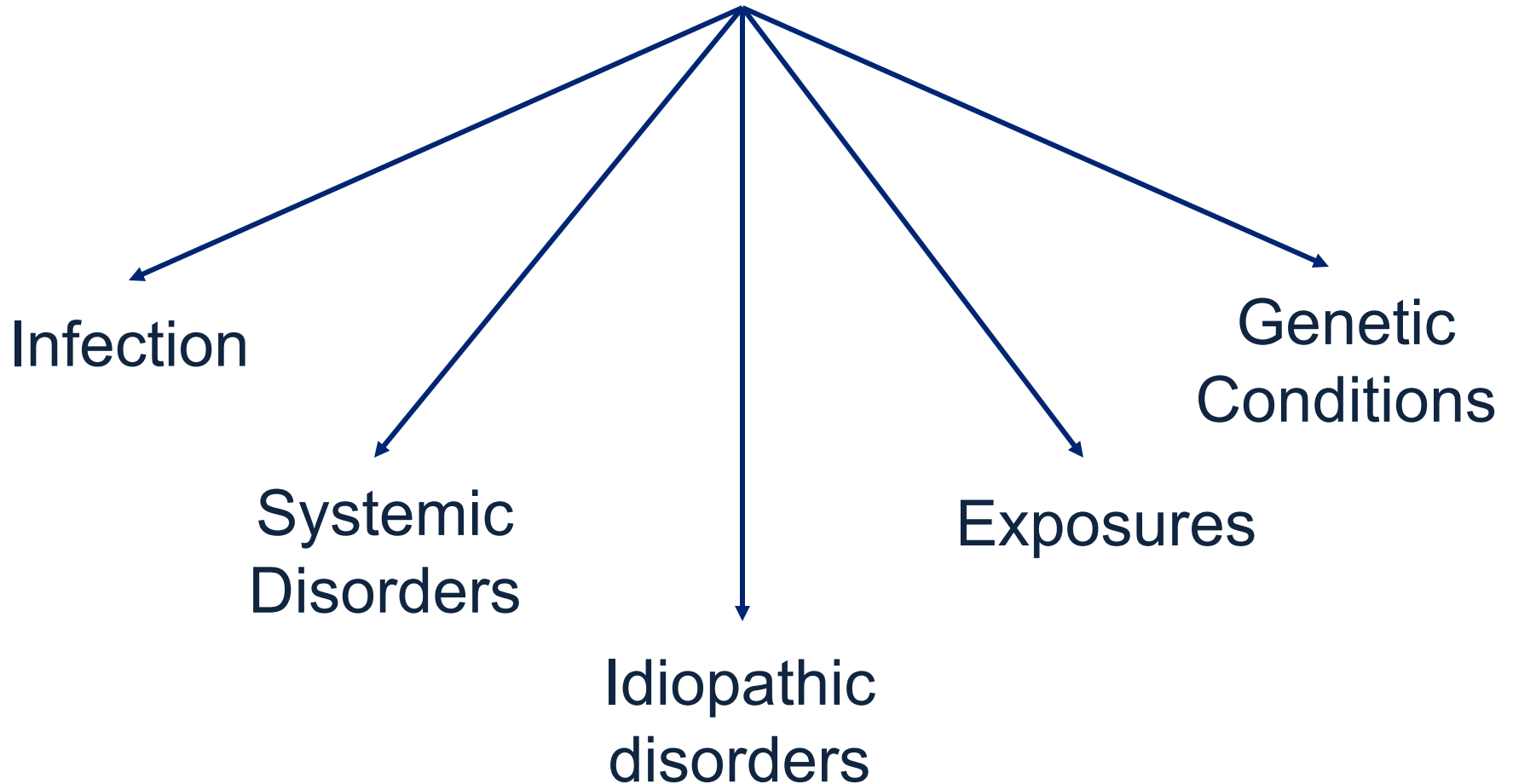
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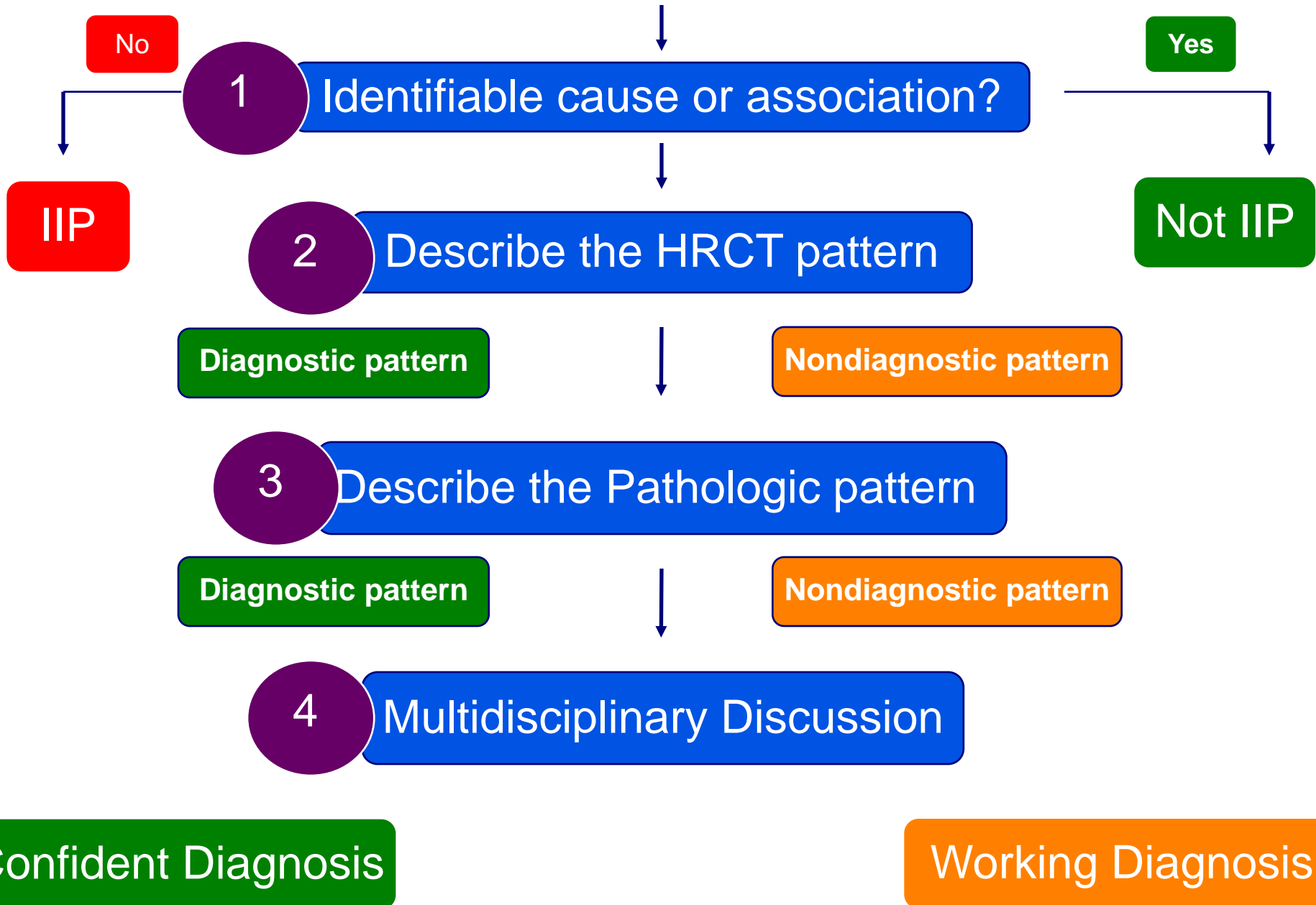
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1007 Were excluded

445 Did not meet HRCT or lung-biopsy criteria

200 Had FVC <50% or >90%

171 Had DLCO <30% or >90%

152 Had FEV<sub>1</sub>:FVC ratio <0.80

130 Had greater extent of emphysema than of fibrosis

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## Comparison of Selected Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

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Diagnostic criteria	ATS/ERS	"Modified" ATS/ERS	"Modified" ATS/ERS
HRCT and Surgical Lung Biopsy review	Central	Central	Local + Central
Age	40-80 years	> 40 years	35 - 85 years
Duration of disease	6 – 48 months	< 5 years	< 4 years
FVC	50% - 90%	> 50%	> 50%
FEV1/FVC	> 79%	> 69%	> 64%
DLCO	30% - 90%	30% - 79%	> 30%
PaO2	None	None	> 54
6 MWT	> 150 m	None	None



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DLCO	30% - 90%	30% - 79%	> 30%
PaO2	None	None	> 54
6 MWT	> 150 m	None	None

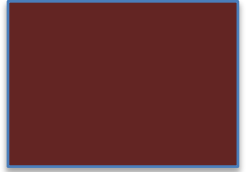
# Measuring Agreement Among Observers

$$\text{Kappa} = \frac{\text{Actual Agreement Beyond Chance}}{\text{Potential Agreement Beyond Chance}}$$

Kappa Value	Strength of Agreement
< 0	Poor
0–0.2	Slight
0.2–0.4	Fair
0.4–0.6	Moderate
0.6–0.8	Substantial
0.8–1.0	Almost perfect

Clinically useful agreement

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Diagnosis	Lobar diagnosis (n = 98)	Final diagnosis (n = 48)
UIP	0.40 Moderate	0.49 Moderate
NSIP	0.32 Fair	0.32 Fair
OP	0.59	0.67
HP	0.39	0.35
Sarcoidosis	0.76	0.82
Normal	0.07	N/A
Overall	0.39 Fair	0.43 Moderate

Kappa coefficients (k) between lobar and final diagnoses in 48 patients

# Inter-observer Variation among Radiologists

Pulmonary embolus Kappa = 0.72-0.96  
Cystic lung disease Kappa = .77-1.0

	Median (range) kw coefficient of agreement
IPF	0.63 (0.48–0.78)
NSIP	0.51 (0.27–0.78)
Sarcoidosis	0.70 (0.58–0.84)
Extrinsic allergic alveolitis	0.60 (0.36–0.78)
Cryptogenic Organizing Pneumonia	0.49 (0.06–0.76)
Smoking related ILD	0.51 (0.20–0.73)

# The Presence of Honeycombing on HRCT

Interpretation of Study-Site Radiologist	Interpretation of Core Radiologist*		Total
	Present	Absent	
Present	251 (79.9%)	12 (3.8%)	263
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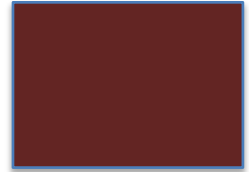
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# Agreement on the Presence of a UIP Pattern

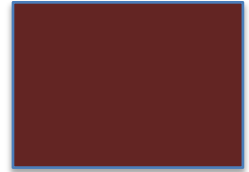


	Diagnosis of the First Two Readers*	Consensus Diagnosis Based on Up to Three Reviews
Consistent with IPF	256 (81.3%)	283 (89.8%)
Inconsistent with IPF	15 (4.8%)	30 (9.5%)
Lack of agreement	44 (14.0%)	2 (0.6%)

Agreement among expert readers       $\kappa = 0.33$  (0.18-0.48)



# Agreement among readers for CT findings



Radiology Feature	$\kappa$ Coefficient (95% CI)	<i>P</i> Value
UIP <sup>a</sup>	0.31 (0.21-0.42)	< .0001
Honeycombing <sup>a</sup>	0.49 (0.38-0.60)	< .0001
Ground-glass <sup>a</sup>	0.39 (0.27-0.52)	< .0001
Zonal distribution <sup>b</sup>	0.24 (0.14-0.35)	< .0001
Axial distribution <sup>b</sup>	0.25 (0.15-0.35)	< .0001

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# Multidisciplinary interobserver agreement in the diagnosis of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis

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# Weighted Kappa Among HRCT Reviewers

First author [Ref.]	Year	Interobserver agreement $\kappa$ coefficient	Study population	Subjects n
<b>GRENIER [10]</b>	1991	0.64–0.78	Sarcoidosis	53
			Pulmonary fibrosis	33
			Histiocytosis X	17
			Other ILD	37
<b>WELLS [19]</b>	1993	0.58–0.76	Systemic sclerosis	35
			IPF	21
<b>COLLINS [8]</b>	1994	0.48	Systemic sclerosis	63
			IPF	63
<b>KAZEROONI [20]</b>	1997	0.51–0.83	UIP; DIP	24; 1
<b>MACDONALD [9]</b>	2001	0.40	NSIP	21
			UIP	32
<b>HUNNINGHAKE [7]</b>	2001	0.54	IPF	54
			Non-IPF	37
<b>FLAHERTY [3]</b>	2003	0.43	NSIP	23
			UIP	73
<b>AZIZ [21]</b>	2004	0.50	DPLD	131
<b>Present study</b>		0.40	UIP	156
			Non-UIP	23

# Interstitial Lung Disease

No

1

Identifiable cause or association?

Yes

IIP

Not IIP

2

Describe the HRCT pattern

Diagnostic pattern

Nondiagnostic pattern

3

Describe the Pathologic pattern

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Multidisciplinary Discussion

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# Summary

- ILD consists of a variety of disorders with divergent outcomes
- The clinical context separates idiopathic from non-idiopathic disease and provides the background for interpretation of both the chest images and lung pathology
- The combination of the appropriate clinical context and a confident HRCT pattern diagnosis may be diagnostic
- A multidisciplinary discussion of the relevant data increases diagnostic confidence