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Diagnosis of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis An Official ATS/ERS/JRS/ALAT Clinical Practice Guideline

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What is a Guideline?

A guideline asks a clinical question, summarizes the body of relevant evidence, and then uses that evidence summary to inform recommendations



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Panel Composition Multi-disciplinary and multi-society



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Why are research questions so important? "Well-crafted questions guide the systematic planning of research. Formulating your questions precisely enables you to design a study with a good chance of answering them."

Light, Singer, Willet, by Design 1990

Characteristics of a good question

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F=feasible

I=interesting

N=novel

E=ethical

R=relevant

Questions

The co-chairs and methodologist drafted key clinical questions in a **PICO (Population, Intervention, Comparator, and Outcome) format**

The questions were then discussed, modified, and approved by the full guideline panel with input from the expert advisers at a face-to-face meeting held at the 2017 ATS International Conference in Washington, D.C. in May, 2017.

The evidence was assessed for all outcomes identified by the panel, but only those assigned a priority of critical (i.e., median rating of 7-9) were used to rate the quality of evidence.

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What is PICO format?

- A useful model to help structure an answerable question
- Used to formulate clinical questions
- Breaks down the question into four key elements

Asking the clinical question: the PICO format P Population

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I Intervention or Interest area

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C Comparison intervention or status

O Outcome

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Patient, Population or	Intervention or exposure	Comparison	Outcome
Problem What are the characteristics of the patient or population? What is the condition or disease you are	What do you want to do with this patient (e.g. treat, diagnose, observe)?	What is the alternative to the intervention (e.g. placebo, different drug, surgery)?	What are the relevant outcomes (e.g. morbidity, death, complications)?

Questions Approved Face-to-face meeting at 2017 ATS Conference

- Exclusion of potential causes of ILD.
- Serological testing for CTD.
- Cellular analysis of BAL fluid.
- Surgical lung biopsy.
- Transbronchial biopsy.
- Transbronchial cryobiopsy.
- Multi-disciplinary discussion.
- Serum diagnostic biomarkers.

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2nd step Literature search

The published literature was searched by the **librarian** (SK) in the following databases:

Medline, Excerpta Medica Database (EMBASE), and **Cochrane Database** of Systematic Reviews

Table E3. Search strategy/results for bronchoalveolar lavage

Exampl	Ample Ovid MEDLINE(R) In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations and Ovid MEDLINE(R) <1946 to Present>			
	#	Searches	Results	
	1	bronchoalveolar lavage/ or bronchoalveolar lavage fluid/	25167	
	2	((lavage\$ or wash\$) adj2 (lung\$ or bronch\$ or pulmonary)).mp.	39697	
	3	1 or 2	39697	

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3nd step Evidence synthesis

- For controlled studies, relative risk (RR) was used to report the results for dichotomous outcomes and the mean difference (MD) was used to report the results for continuous outcomes.
- For uncontrolled studies, generic inverse variance was used if possible, but studies were often pooled without weighting (i.e., generic inverse variance cannot be used if an individual study has a result of 0% or 100%, which was often the case).

The Grading, Recommendations, Assessment, Development, and Evaluation (GRADE) approach

Underlying Methodology	Quality Rating
RCT	High
Downgraded RCTs or upgraded observational studies	Moderate
Well-done observational studies with control groups	Low
Others (e.g., case reports or case series)	Very low

Definition of abbreviation: RCT = randomized controlled trial.

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Quality of Evidence

Initial assump	tion	based	u <mark>pon</mark> t	he study design:	:		
High	Rand	Randomized trial					
Moderate							
Low	Well-done observational study with control groups						
Very low	Other evidence, such as case reports, case series, etc.						
Downgrade th	ne qu	ality of	[:] evide	nce if:			
Risk of bias		Indired	tness	Inconsistency	Impre	ecision	Publication bias
Upgrade the quality of evidence if:							
Strong association (i.e., large magnitude of effect)		Dose-response gradient		Plausible confounders would have the opposite effect			

Confidence in the accuracy of the study results

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Guideline Development Two processes in parallel

Methodology team PICO questions

- Bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) vs no BAL
- Surgical lung biopsy (SLB) vs no SLB
- Transbronchial biopsy (TBBx) vs no TBBx
- Cryobiopsy (CB) vs no CB
- Multi-disciplinary discussion (MDD) vs no MDD
- Peripheral blood biomarkers (BM) vs no BM

Remainder of panel *Other content*

- Motherhood statements
- Diagnosis based upon HRCT & histopathology
- Diagnostic criteria
- Diagnostic algorithm

Evidence to Recommendations Face-to-face meeting at 2017 ERS Congress

- Approval of non-PICO content
- Then, presentation of evidence → committee discussion → recommendation formulation → voting

Recommendations for or against an intervention are based upon:

- ✓ balance of benefits vs harms and burdens
- ✓ quality of evidence
- ✓ patient values and preferences
- ✓ feasibility
- ✓ costs

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Guideline recommendations are rated:

- Quality of evidence: Conveys how much <u>confidence</u> the committee has in the <u>accuracy</u> <u>of the study results</u>.
- Strength of the recommendation: Conveys how <u>certain</u> the committee is that the upsides of the recommended <u>course of action</u> outweigh the downsides.



Strong	Conditional
It is the correct course of action for >95% of patients	It is the correct course of action for >50% of patients, but may not be correct for a sizeable minority
"Just do it"	"Slow down, think about it, discuss it with the patient"
Willing to tell a colleague that he/she is wrong for not following the recommendation	Not willing to tell a colleague that he/she is wrong for not following the recommendation. It is a matter of style. There is equipoise
Appropriate for a performance measure	Not appropriate for a performance measure

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Sample Recommendation

We recommend treatment X rather than treatment Y for patients with condition Z (conditional recommendation, low quality of evidence)



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



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This Review provides an updated approach to the diagnosis of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF), based on a systematic search of the medical literature and the expert opinion of members of the Fleischner Society. A checklist is provided for the clinical evaluation of patients with suspected usual interstitial pneumonia (UIP). The role of CT is expanded to permit diagnosis of IPF without surgical lung biopsy in select cases when CT shows a probable UIP pattern. Additional investigations, including surgical lung biopsy, should be considered in patients with either clinical or CT findings that are indeterminate for IPF. A multidisciplinary approach is particularly important when deciding to perform additional diagnostic assessments, integrating biopsy results with clinical and CT features, and establishing a working diagnosis of IPF if lung tissue is not available. A working diagnosis of IPF should be reviewed at regular intervals since the diagnosis might change. Criteria are presented to establish confident and working diagnoses of IPF.

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IPF diagnosis: flexibility is a virtue

In 2011, the joint guidelines¹ of the American Thoracic Society, European Respiratory Society, Japanese Respiratory Society, and Thoracic Association of Latin America provided the first truly international evidencebased statement on the diagnosis of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF). Although this statement undoubtedly underpinned international collaboration in science and interventional trials, the rigour of the 2011 diagnostic criteria effectively disenfranchised a large subgroup of patients with IPF, in whom a surgical lung biopsy (SLB) could not be done and no definite diagnosis could be made. The concept of probable IPF was not explored in the 2011 guidelines, and the

This conclusion is crucial, given the Fleischner statement that "if diagnostic tissue is not available, a working diagnosis of IPF may be made after careful multidisciplinary evaluation."³ A working diagnosis of IPF is not a definite diagnosis, but it is a provisional diagnosis with a level of diagnostic likelihood such that IPF-specific therapy is the only logical approach. In effect, the Fleischner Society endorses the use of IPF-specific treatment in selected patients with probable UIP on HRCT and no biopsy data. To what Lancet Respir Med 2018 extent is there genuine disagreement between the Fleischner Society statement and the revised joint diagnostic guidelines? Initial reaction at the American 52213-2600(18)30374-6





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In summary, the Fleischner Society statement and the 2018 joint diagnostic guidelines are broadly concordant.







Diagnosing idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis in 2018: bridging recommendations made by experts serving different societies

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Number of authors	34	17
Overlapping authors	8	
Endorsing scientific societies	Multiple	Single
Multidisciplinary nature	Yes	Yes
Question-based structure	Yes	Yes
Systematic search of the literature	Yes	Yes
Evidence-based approach (Institute of Medicine standards)	Yes	No
PICO questions/format	Yes	No
Expert opinion-based approach	No	Yes
Grading of recommendations	Yes	No
Published in a peer-reviewed journal	Yes	Yes
Implementation and interest to all stakeholders (policy makers, regulating agencies, IPF community-at-large)	Yes	?

IPF: idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis; ATS: American Thoracic Society; ERS: European Respiratory Society; JRS: Japanese Respiratory Society; ALAT: Latin American Thoracic Society; PICO: population, intervention, comparison, outcome.

DIAGNOSTIC COMPONENTS FOR IPF

	ATS/ERS/JRS/ALAT clinic practice guideline [1]	al Fleischner white paper consensus statement [2]		
	UIP	Definite UIP		
	Dense fibro Predominant subple Patchy Pre	sis with architecture remodelling eural or paraseptal distribution of fibrosis lung involvement by fibrosis esence of fibroblastic foci Probable UIP doneycomb fibrosis only		
Histopathology pattern	Fibroblastic foci may or may not be present			
	Fibrosis with or without architecture distortion Some histological features from the UIP pattern	Occasional foci of centrilobular injury or scarring Rare granulomas or giant cells Minor degree of lymphoid hyperplasia or diffuse inflammation Diffuse homogenous fibrosis favouring fibrotic nonspecific interstitial pneumonia		
	Alternative diagnosis Histological findings indicative of other diseases	Features most consistent with an alternative diagnosis A UIP pattern with ancillary features strongly suggesting an alternative diagnosis A non-UIP pattern		

Richeldi L, Wislon K, Raghu G, Eur Respir J 6 Sept 2018

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DIAGNOSTIC COMPONENTS FOR IPF

	ATS/ERS/JRS/ALAT clinical practice guideline [1]	Fleischner white paper consensus statement [2]			
Age limit for increased diagnostic confidence		60 years			
	UIP Typical UIP				
	Subpleura	l and basal predominance			
	Presence of honeycombing with or without peripheral traction bronchiectasis				
	Biopsy not recommended				
	Probable UIP				
	Subpleural and basal predominance				
	Presence of per	ripheral traction bronchiectasis			
HRCT pattern	Biopsy recommended (conditional)	Biopsy not recommended			
	Indeterminate for UIP				
	Subpleural and basal predominant	Variable or diffuse			
	May have mild GGO or distortion	Features suggestive of non-UIP pattern			
	Biopsy recommended				
	Alternative diagnosis Most consistent with non-IPF				
	Findings suggestive of another diagnosis				
	Biopsyrecommended				

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DIAGNOSTIC COMPONENTS FOR IPF HIGH-RESOLUTION COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY



The guideline panel concluded that biopsy is appropriate for a majority of patients, but may not be appropriate for a sizeable minority (up to 49%); in other words, the guidelines indicate that there is **clinical equipoise** when deciding whether or not to biopsy a patient with a probable UIP pattern on HRCT.

Richeldi L ,Wilson,K, Raghu, G Eur Respir J 2018 in press 6 Sept 2018



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