

# Interstitial lung disease for rheumatologists

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Interstitial lung disease (ILD) is a prominent feature of many connective tissue disorders. The histopathologic and radiographic appearance as well as treatment responsiveness and prognosis of (ILD) in such patients are very heterogeneous. In addition the terminology used to separate different patterns of ILD is complex. In this presentation the terminology and radiographic/histopathologic patterns

of interstitial lung disease that may be part of rheumatologic disease will be reviewed. A systematic diagnostic evaluation of a rheumatologic patient with interstitial lung disease will be introduced. Finally, prognostic and management implications of interstitial lung disease occurring in the context of scleroderma, polymyositis/dermatomyositis and microscopic polyangiitis will be reviewed.