

Interstitial Lung Disease Program

overview

Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD) includes more than 150 chronic lung disorders which are characterized by development of scarring in the lungs. A multidisciplinary team at Froedtert & The Medical College of Wisconsin performs state-of-the-art diagnostic procedures to offer the latest treatment options. Faculty members include specialty trained physicians with expertise in pathology, radiology and thoracic surgery. In advanced interstitial lung disease, a lung transplant may be the best option. Our physicians are committed to the early identification of patients for lung transplantation.

Our ILD team works closely with referring physicians to coordinate consultation, treatment and follow-up. We are also dedicated to understanding and developing better treatments for ILD through research.

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how ILD is diagnosed

Physicians begin by taking a comprehensive medical history, focusing especially on occupational exposure to lung-damaging toxins, medications and the presence of health problems commonly associated with lung disorders. Although a medical history and physical exam can be useful in ruling out certain conditions, they cannot diagnose interstitial lung disease. Instead physicians use other tests, such as:

- Chest X-ray
- CT scan of the chest
- Pulmonary function tests (PFTs)
- Exercise tests
- Bronchoscopy with transbronchial biopsy and bronchoalveolar lavage
- Video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery (surgical lung biopsy)

contact us

To refer a patient to the Interstitial Lung Disease Program, call **414-805-3666** or **800-272-3666**.

For patient transfers or to consult with one of our physician specialists, call **414-805-4700** or **877-804-4700**.