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Advances in the Diagnosis and Management of Interstitial Lung Disease

Message from the Guest Editors

Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD) includes a diverse spectrum of entities, which are characterized by various degrees of inflammation and fibrosis. The cardinal disease at the fibrotic end of this spectrum is Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF). Nevertheless, it has been pointed out lately that a considerable proportion of patients with other underlying ILD diagnosis, may have a similar-to-IPF clinical course, exhibiting a progressive phenotype. Thus, the new term "Progressive Pulmonary Fibrosis" has been introduced, lumping together different, in terms of pathology, conditions and leading to a new concept in treating these patients based on disease behavior. The accurate and prompt diagnosis of individual ILDs remains crucial, whereas the differential diagnosis is quite often challenging. Advances in bronchoscopy and radiology, along with new deep learning techniques and novel available data on genetics, molecular biomarkers and proteomics provide enhanced diagnostic and prognostic possibilities. This Special Issue aims to cover all the new evidence on diagnosis, prediction and therapeutic approach of ILDs through concise review papers from experts in the field.

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