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Pulmonary Fibrosis: Therapeutic and Management Strategies

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The term "interstitial lung diseases" (ILDs) includes a wide spectrum of heterogeneous entities with different prognoses, as well as treatment options. Lung fibrosis is the late stage of many chronic, systemic or localized lung diseases, characterized by immune-mediated inflammation, such as hypersensitivity pneumonitis (HP) and autoimmune conditions, or via epithelial-driven dysfunction, such as idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF). Although historically thought of as rare diseases, the latest epidemiologic data show an increasing trend of incidence and prevalence of these diseases worldwide, reflecting both changes in environmental exposure and the higher awareness of these entities among clinicians.

The aim of this Special Issue is to highlight the recent advances in the therapeutic and management strategies in this field, with a particular focus on progressive fibrosis phenotype.

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