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The PFF Help Center, a dedicated call center, offers patients, caregivers, and healthcare providers the most up-to-date medical information, communicates the availability of support services, and information about other essential resources. Call or email us today to order FREE educational resources!



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You can make a difference



You have the power to make an impact and create hope for PF patients everywhere. Start by making a donation to support the PFF in its mission to help find a cure.

PFF Government Affairs: Advocate and engage with lawmakers regarding the needs of the PF community.

PFF Walk: Build a team, raise funds, and lead the way toward a world without PF by joining one of our national walks. You can participate in-person or virtually.

Fundraise for Team PFF: Create and host an event that is personally meaningful to you. Organize an online fundraiser, hold a bake sale, or host a community walk.

PF Awareness Month: Throughout September, get involved by participating in disease education days, support group events, fundraisers, or with #BlueUp4PF.

Shop PFF: Support the cause when you wear wristbands, tshirts, caps, and more. Visit Shop-PFF.com.

Make a Gift

You can support the PFF's important programs by making a donation today. Visit pulmonaryfibrosis.org to learn about the many ways you can give.

Our research



The Foundation places enormous importance on creating an environment that will assist in the development of effective treatments for pulmonary fibrosis. The PFF is committed to funding research to identify new therapies and one day, a cure.

PFF Registry: A resource of data gathered from volunteers across the country to help researchers further understand the disease and develop treatments. The data collected can be used to better diagnose, treat, and potentially cure pulmonary fibrosis.

PFF Scholars: A new grant program to support and provide career development opportunities for early stage investigators.

PFF Clinical Trial Finder: A tool to help patients navigate feasible and relevant clinical trials. This searchable platform filters the type of trial, patient characteristics, and proximity to one's home thereby accelerating the development of new treatment options for patients. Visit trials.pulmonaryfibrosis.org to get started.

PF Drug Development Pipeline: A tool that allows viewers to filter interventions, such as novel drugs or devices that are in development or have been approved for the U.S. market, by relevant areas of interstitial lung disease. Visit pulmonaryfibrosis.org/clinicaltrials for more information.

We imagine a world without pulmonary fibrosis



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The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation (PFF) accelerates the development of new treatments and ultimately a cure for pulmonary fibrosis. Until that goal is achieved, the PFF is committed to advancing improved care for patients with PF and providing unequalled support and education resources for patients, caregivers, and family members, and health care providers.

The Trusted Resource

The PFF is the nation's leading pulmonary fibrosis patient education and advocacy organization. From providing disease education materials to creating the largest patient registry focused on all-cause PF and establishing a nationwide care center network, the PFF is dedicated to improving all aspects of a patient's quality of life.

We work with leading experts in the field of pulmonary fibrosis. The physicians on our world-class medical team, investigators at each Care Center Network site, and members of the Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee, Research Review Committee, and Medical Advisory Board champion collaborative efforts in the care of patients and research.

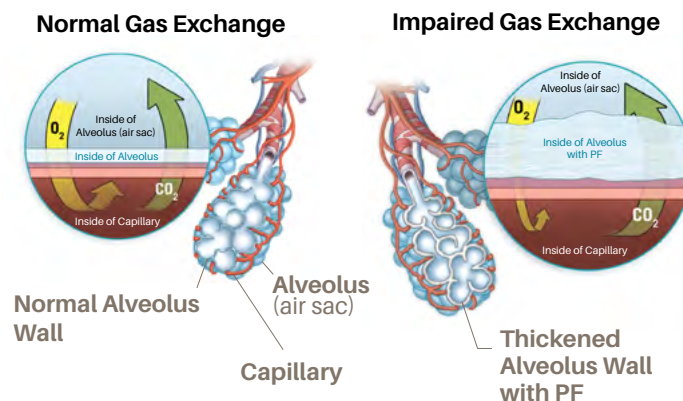
As the leading advocate for the PF community, we are building better tools and resources for diagnosing and treating people living with PF. We invite you to join us in the drive toward a cure.

There are more than 200 types of interstitial lung diseases (ILD), which are characterized by varied amounts of inflammation, scarring, or both, that damage the ability of the lung to absorb oxygen from the air. **Pulmonary fibrosis (PF)**, means scarring of the lung, and can be seen in many types of ILD.

More than 250,000 Americans are living with PF and ILD. Difficult to diagnose, PF and ILD can be debilitating and, in some cases, incurable. Causes of PF and ILD include the use of certain medications, radiation to the chest, autoimmune diseases, environmental, and occupational exposures. Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, which has no known cause, is one of the most common forms of PF. The prevalence of PF and ILD is on the rise with more than 50,000 new cases diagnosed annually.

With no known cure, certain forms of PF may take the lives of patients within three to five years from diagnosis.

The good news for people living with PF is that there are treatments designed to specifically manage the symptoms of the disease and researchers are studying new ways to halt its progression.



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PFF President and Chief Executive Officer

PFF Care Center Network: Medical centers nationwide offering comprehensive and individualized care to those living with PF.

PFF Summit: Our biennial healthcare conference for patients, caregivers, physicians, nurses, and researchers.

PFF Help Center: The hub for information and resources for patients, families, and healthcare professionals. The PFF Help Center gets inquiries from nearly every U.S. state and 40 countries.

PFF Support Group Network: Over 150 volunteer groups around the country providing a safe environment for those affected by PF to share their experiences.

Virtual Support Groups: Four unique telephone-based support groups for those who are unable to attend in-person meetings including: PFF Voices for everyone in the PF community; PFF Caring Conversations for caregivers; PFF Coloquio for Spanish speakers; and the Lung Transplant Community Support Group for lung recipients or those awaiting transplant.

PFF Ambassadors: Volunteers impacted by PF who offer hope and inspiration to the community and promote disease awareness.

PFF Educational Videos: Watch videos from our Life With Pulmonary Fibrosis Video Series, Disease Education Webinar Series, and Advocacy in Action Webinar Series to learn more about a variety of topics.

PFF Oxygen Information Line: Provides information and resources to individuals using supplemental oxygen and to caregivers.



DIAGNOSIS

One in 200 over the age of 70 are living with IPF.



CASES

50,000 new cases are diagnosed annually.



PREVALENCE

250,000+ people are living with PF and ILD in the U.S.



SYMPTOMS

- Shortness of breath
- Dry, hacking cough
- Fatigue and weakness
- Discomfort in chest



POSSIBLE CAUSES

- Environmental
- Autoimmune diseases
- Drug-induced
- Radiation-induced
- Occupational

Often a cause cannot be identified. These diseases are called idiopathic interstitial pneumonias. One type is idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.



TREATMENTS

- Supplemental oxygen
- Prescription medication
- Pulmonary rehabilitation
- Medications
- Lung transplantation