

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge
Diagnosing Pulmonary Fibrosis

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	AT FIRST, THE SYMPTOMS OF IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY FIBROSIS, CAN BE VERY ORDINARY... FEELING TIRED OR RUNDOWN, SHORT OF BREATH, MAYBE FIGHTING A COUGH.
Andrew Limper, M.D. Track 1 (1:10)	"SOMETIMES THEY FEEL LIKE THEY'VE HAD A LITTLE COLD, OR FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS WHEN THIS STARTS. THEY DO A CHEST X-RAY AND THEY SEE SHADOWS ON THE LUNGS."
	DR. ANDREW LIMPER, A LUNG SPECIALIST AT MAYO CLINIC, SAYS THAT CAN OFTEN LEAD TO A MIS-

	DIAGNOSIS OF PNEUMONIA OR INFECTION.
Dr. Limper Track 1 (4:10)	“WHEN WE GO THROUGH THE X-RAYS, AND OFTEN TIMES WE NEED SPECIALIZED X-RAYS LIKE CAT-SCANS, WE WILL REALIZE THAT’S IT’S NOT THAT KIND OF PROCESS.”
	RATHER, PULMONARY FIBROSIS IS THE NAME FOR A GROUP OF DISEASES THAT CAUSE SCARRING OF THE LUNGS. THIS CAUSES THE LUNGS TO STIFFEN, MAKING IT HARDER TO BREATHE. IDIOPATHIC MEANS WE DON’T KNOW WHY IT HAPPENS. WHILE THERE’S NO CURE, THERE ARE TREATMENTS, AND THAT’S WHY A CORRECT AND ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS IS SO IMPORTANT.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG . I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.
