

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge
Rheumatoid Lung Disease

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<p>Intro with music</p>	<p>GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.</p>
	<p>KNEES... HIPS... ELBOWS... THE PAIN AND DISABILITY BROUGHT ON BY RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS MAKES IT A LEADING REASON THAT PATIENTS UNDERGO JOINT TRANSPLANT. BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS CAN ALSO AFFECT YOUR BLOOD VESSELS, EYES, EVEN YOUR LUNGS?</p>
<p>Eric Matteson, M.D. Track 1 (33:45)</p>	<p>"THE KIND OF LUNG DISEASE THAT PATIENTS WITH RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS GET IS AN INFLAMMATORY LUNG DISEASE."</p>
	<p>THAT INFLAMMATION, SAYS MAYO CLINIC DR. ERIC MATTESON, CAN</p>

	CAUSE SCAR TISSUE TO FORM IN THE LUNG RESULTING IN DECREASED LUNG FUNCTION.
Dr. Matteson Track 1 (35:30)	“THE BIGGEST PROBLEM WITH IT IS THAT IT HAS A VERY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON A PERSONS ABILITY TO JUST FUNCTION IN DAILY LIFE, AND ALSO ON THEIR LIFE EXPECTANCY.”
	IT’S AN AREA OF INTENSE STUDY, AND DR. MATTESON IS HOPEFUL THAT NEW AND BETTER TREATMENTS ARE NOT THAT FAR OFF.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG . I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.