

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge
Treatment for Pulmonary Fibrosis

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	PULMONARY FIBROSIS IS A COLLECTION OF CONDITIONS THAT SCARS YOUR LUNGS, MAKING IT HARDER AND HARDER TO BREATHE. TREATING THE DISEASE STARTS WITH MAKING AN ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS.
Andrew Limper, M.D. Track 1 (8:15)	"IF THERE'S SOMETHING THAT'S CAUSING IT, EITHER A MEDICATION THAT YOU MIGHT BE TAKING OR IF YOU'VE BEEN EXPOSED TO A DUST OR AN ALLERGIC-LIKE REACTION TO SOMETHING IN THE HOME, IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT BECAUSE THOSE THINGS NEED TO

	BE REMOVED FROM YOUR ENVIRONMENT.”
	BUT OFTEN, THE DISEASE IS CLASSIFIED AS IDIOPATHIC, MEANING THE CAUSE IS UNKOWN. THERE’S NO CURE AND YOU CAN’T REVERSE THE DAMAGE, SO TREATMENT IS AIMED AT MANAGING THE SYMPTOMS, AT LEAST FOR NOW.
Dr. Limper Track 1 (12:50)	“OVER THE LAST THREE OR FOUR YEARS THERE’S BEEN MORE CLINICAL STUDIES, MORE NEW AGENTS COMING TO THE FOREFRONT TO TRY TO TREAT THIS THAN I HAVE SEEN IN THE LAST 20 YEARS OF MY PRACTICE.”
	FOR PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED FIBROSIS BUT ARE OTHERWISE HEALTHY, LUNG TRANSPLANT MAY BE AN OPTION.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT

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