When it comes to idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF), early diagnosis is key. That’s because IPF is a progressive disease, meaning it worsens over time. The sooner a person receives a diagnosis, the sooner he or she can begin treatment that may help slow IPF progression.

Early diagnosis, however, isn’t always easy. That’s because IPF is deceptive—its symptoms resemble more common conditions, making it easy to confuse IPF for other diseases. This tool is designed to help—you can use it to learn about the symptoms of IPF and how they compare to other conditions.

Select Symptom(s)

Click on symptoms to see if they could be signs of IPF, some other respiratory disease, or both. If you’d like to unselect a symptom you’ve already selected, simply click on it again. Please note—these are not all the possible symptoms that a person with IPF could be experiencing.

Selected: {{sNumber}}

Clear all selection(s)
Next

See Other Possible Disease(s)

Below is a list of a few diseases that may present with the symptom{{{sPlural}}} you selected. Please note that this is not a comprehensive list and should be used as a tool to help your discussions with your healthcare provider.

{{{dNumber}}} disease{{{dPlural}}} could be related to the symptom{{{sPlural}}} you selected.

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{{disease.Name}}
{{disease.Name}}

{{disease.Description}}

**Symptoms in common with IPF**

{{symptom}}

**Other Symptoms**

- {{symptom}}
- {{symptom}}
- {{symptom}}
- {{symptom}}
Talk with Your Doctor

Now that you have a better understanding of IPF symptoms and how they are easily misdiagnosed, the next step is to talk with your doctor about your specific symptoms and what they might mean.

Want help preparing for a conversation with your doctor?

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