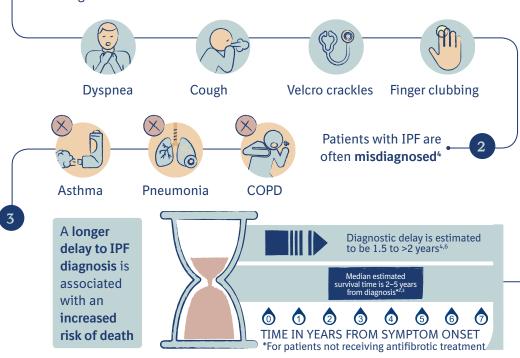
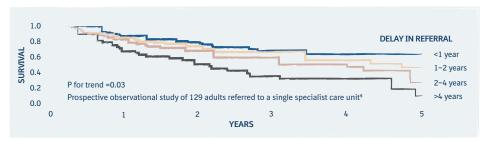
## Importance of early diagnosis and treatment in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF)<sup>1</sup>

IPF is a rare, progressive and fatal disease<sup>2,3</sup>
Characterized by irreversible interstitial lung fibrosis, the main symptoms and signs include:





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## Early and accurate detection and intervention is crucial as evidence suggests it can improve outcomes in IPF<sup>1,7</sup>

This position is also supported by the European IPF Patient Charter<sup>8</sup>

Detection of **velcro crackles** has been proposed as a **sensitive indicator** of IPF<sup>1,2</sup>



Antifibrotic treatments slow disease progression<sup>9,10</sup>





ATS/ERS/JRS/ALAT guidelines **recommend antifibrotic treatment** for the management of IPF in appropriate patients<sup>9</sup>

**Real world data** show that patients on antifibrotics have **better survival** independent of their underlying disease severity<sup>10</sup>



**Greater benefits** are achieved with **early interventions** in patients with IPF and **prompt referral** to specialist centers is essential<sup>1</sup>

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