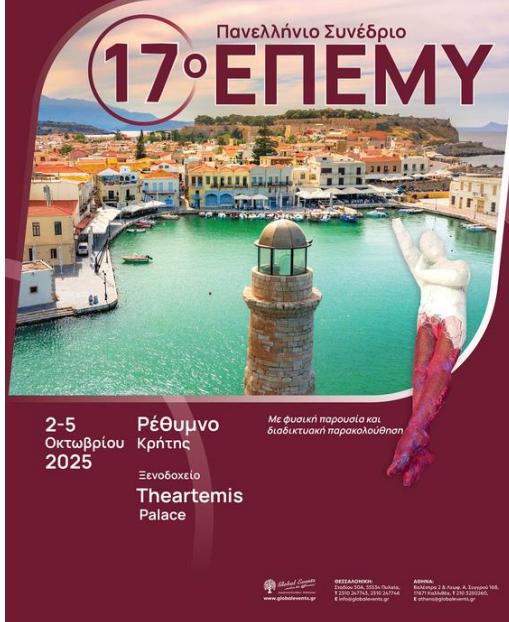




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- A collaborative effort
- Four disease groups:
  - Systemic sclerosis(SSc)
  - Idiopathic inflammatory myopathies(IIM)
  - OtherCTDs, including Sjögren disease(SjD), systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) and mixed connective tissue disease (MCTD)
  - Rheumatoid arthritis(RA) under the umbrella term CTD in this guideline.



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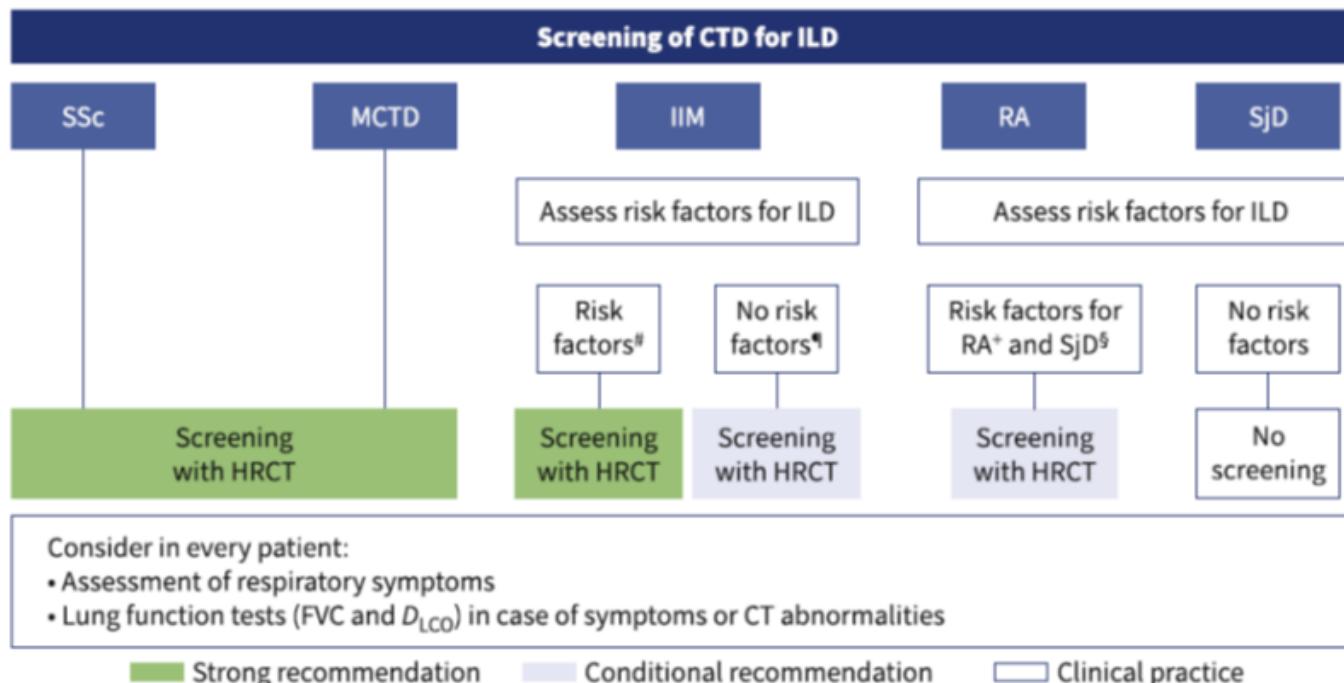
- High likelihood of missing ILD if PFTs are used as the only screening tool.
- LUS :
  - False-negative /false-positive results
  - Very low certainty of evidence



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# Screening



- No recommendation on how frequently patients with CTD should be screened for ILD.



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# Screening

Table 3

Risk factors in patients with connective tissue disease and rheumatoid arthritis (RA) defining an at-risk patient population that should be screened for interstitial lung disease

	SSc	RA	IIM	SjD
Demographics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Longer disease duration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Older age</li> <li>• Male sex</li> <li>• Smoking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Older age</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Older age</li> <li>• Male sex</li> </ul>
Circulating markers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased KL-6</li> <li>• Presence of ATA-I</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased ESR</li> <li>• Presence of anti-CCP, RF</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased CRP, ESR</li> <li>• Presence of anti-Jo1, anti-MDA-5, anti-Ro52</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased CRP</li> <li>• Presence of anti-Ro52</li> </ul>
Extrapulmonary involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diffuse cutaneous SSc</li> <li>• Higher mRSS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher articular disease activity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-synthetase syndrome</li> <li>• Clinical amyopathic dermatomyositis</li> <li>• Skin involvement<sup>#</sup></li> <li>• Arthritis/arthralgia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presence of extrapulmonary involvement</li> </ul>



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# Diagnosis

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		L/VL



# Diagnosis

## SSc, RA, IIM, SjD, MCTD and SLE

### ILD diagnosis

If alternative diagnosis or co-existing condition suspected

Assess prognosis, risk of progression and risk of development of severe disease

Consider BAL

Other tests for differential diagnoses

Clinical risk factors<sup>#</sup>

Lung function test (FVC and  $D_{LCO}$ )<sup>#</sup>

HRCT (pattern and extent)<sup>#</sup>

6MWT and O<sub>2</sub> desaturation<sup>#</sup>

Patient-reported outcome measures

BAL with microbiology and cytology may be used to rule out infection, to diagnose some types of malignancy (i.e. low-grade lymphoma e.g. MALT lymphoma), and to exclude alveolar haemorrhage. Lung biopsy has no role in the diagnosis of ILD, but may be used when atypical features are identified on HRCT and/or to exclude malignancy.

Conditional recommendation      Usual clinical practice



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## Diagnosis

### • 6MWT

- Predictor of respiratory deterioration and progression in patients with SSc-ILD
- Predictor of mortality, acute respiratory deterioration and acute exacerbation in RA-ILD patients
- Associated with ILD severity and worse prognosis in patients with other CTD-ILD.

- Limited or no lower limb joint damage or active synovitis
- Without significant muscle involvement of the lower limbs



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# Diagnosis

**Table 4**

Risk factors for poor outcome, defined as disease progression and death, in patients with connective tissue disease (CTD)-associated interstitial lung disease (ILD) and rheumatoid arthritis (RA)-associated ILD

	SSc <sup>#</sup>	RA <sup>#</sup>	IIM <sup>#,¶</sup>
Demographics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Older age</li> <li>• Male sex</li> <li>• African American ethnicity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Older age at RA onset</li> <li>• Male sex</li> </ul>	
Circulating markers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elevated ESR, CRP</li> <li>• ATA-I</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-CCP, RF</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elevated ferritin</li> <li>• Anti-MDA-5, anti-synthetase</li> </ul>
Pulmonary function/markers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseline PFTs (FVC, <math>D_{LCO}</math>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseline PFTs (low FVC and/or <math>D_{LCO}</math>)</li> <li>• UIP and probable UIP HRCT/histological patterns</li> <li>• Higher extent of ILD on HRCT</li> </ul>	
Imaging/histology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher extent of ILD on HRCT</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher extent of ILD on HRCT and ILD pattern on HRCT</li> </ul>
Extrapulmonary involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent onset of SSc with rapid skin progression, more extensive skin fibrosis (mRSS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher articular disease activity</li> </ul>	



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Strength of recommendation

Level/certainty of evidence

C

L/VL



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# Monitoring

## SSc-ILD monitoring

Assess prognosis, risk of progression and disease severity at every visit

High risk

Low risk

Indication of progression

Disease duration

<3–5 years

>3–5 years

<3–5 years

>3–5 years

Anytime

Lung function test (FVC and  $D_{LCO}$ )

Every 3–6 months

Every 6–12 months

Every 6–12 months

Every 12 months

Conduct

HRCT (pattern and extent)

Every 12 months

Every 12 months

After 2 years

Clinical indication

Conduct

6MWD and  $O_2$  desaturation

Every 6–12 months

Every 6–12 months

Every 12 months

Every 12 months

Conduct

Patient-reported outcome measures

Every 6–12 months

Every 6–12 months

Every 12 months

Every 12 months

Conduct

■ Conditional recommendation ■ Usual clinical practice



# Monitoring

## RA-ILD monitoring

Assess prognosis, risk of progression and disease severity at every visit

High risk

Low risk

Indication of progression

Disease duration

<1–2 years

>2 years

<1–2 years

>2 years

Anytime

Lung function test (FVC and  $D_{LCO}$ )

Every 3–6 months

Every 6–12 months

Every 6–12 months

Every 12 months

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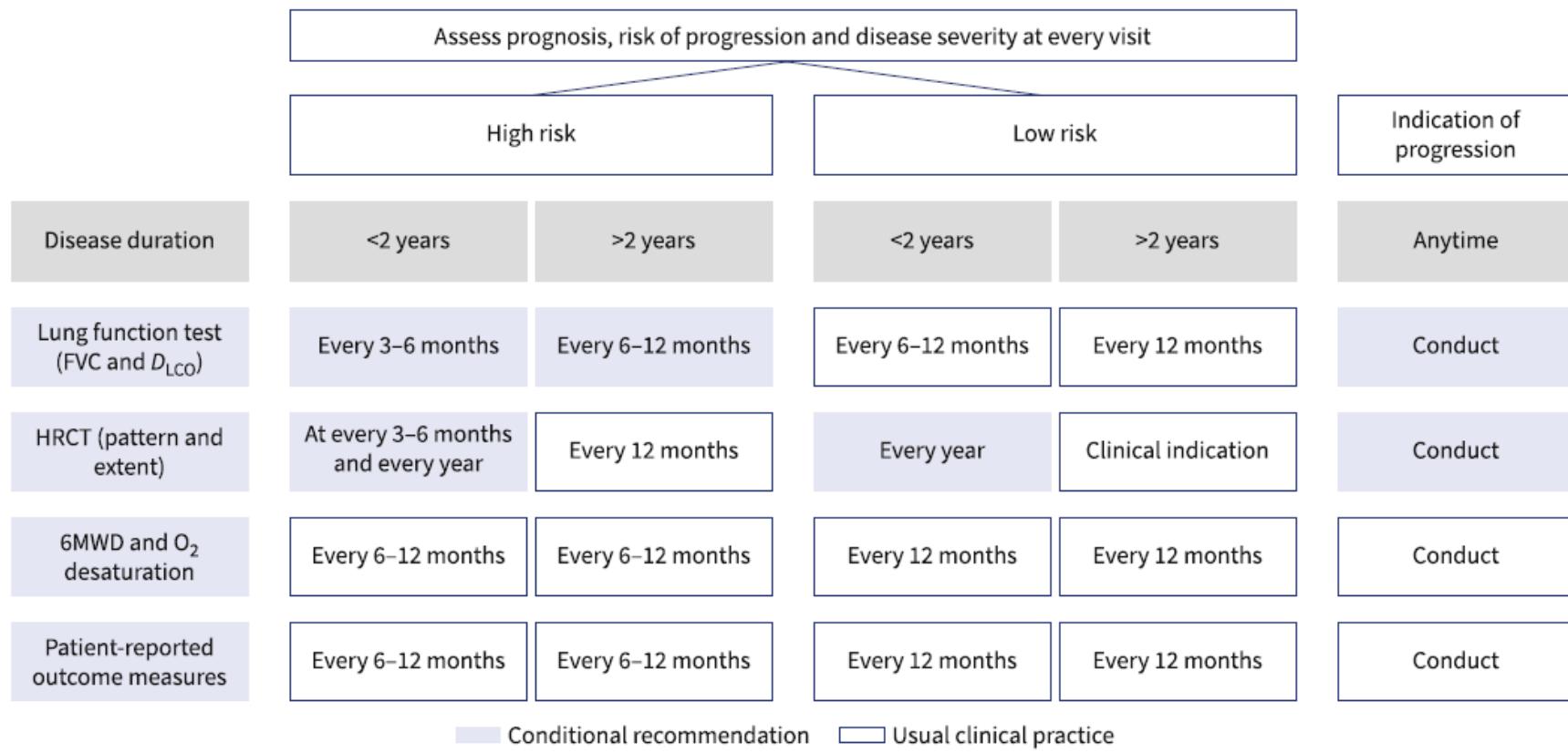
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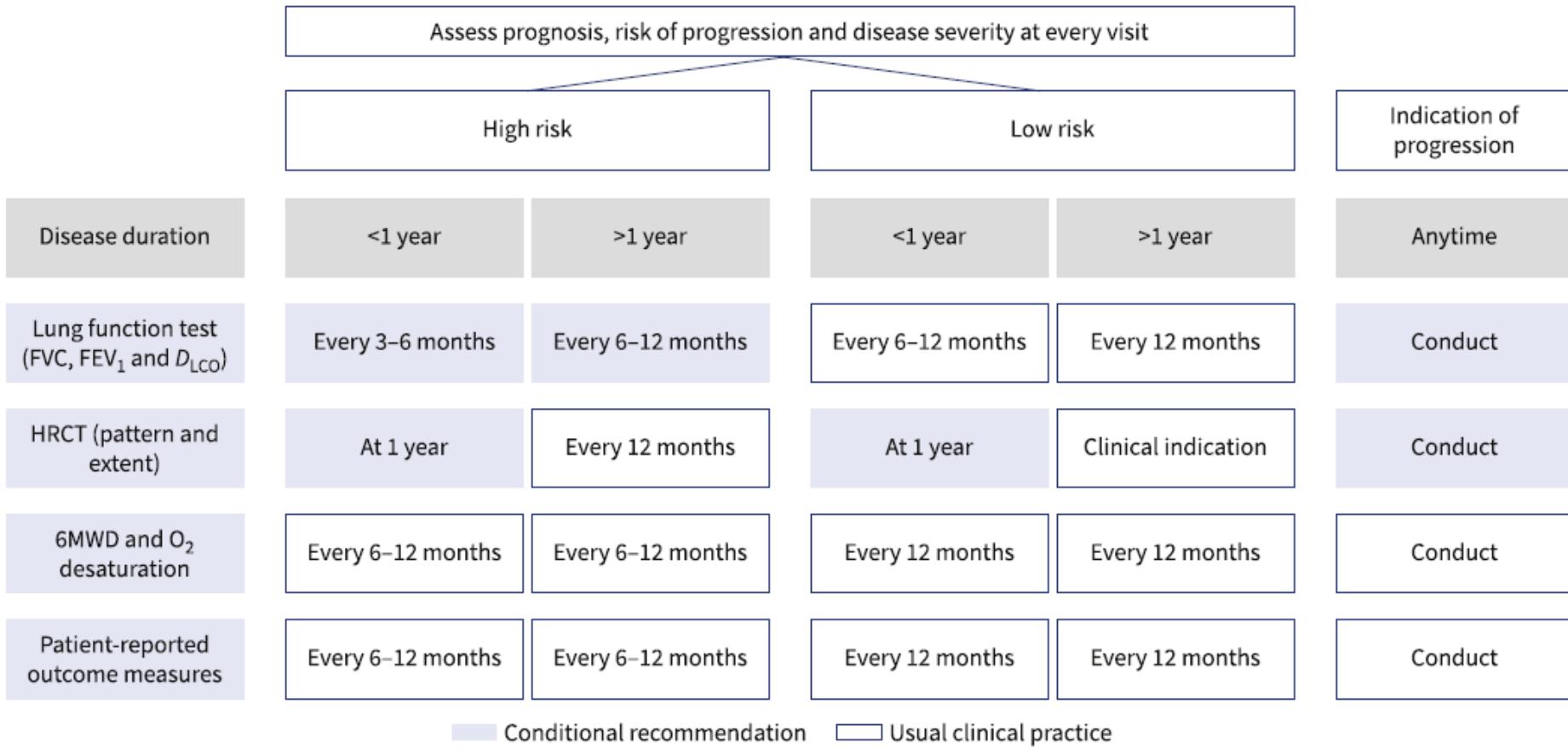
## IIM-ILD monitoring





# Monitoring

## Other CTD-ILD (SjD, MCTD) monitoring





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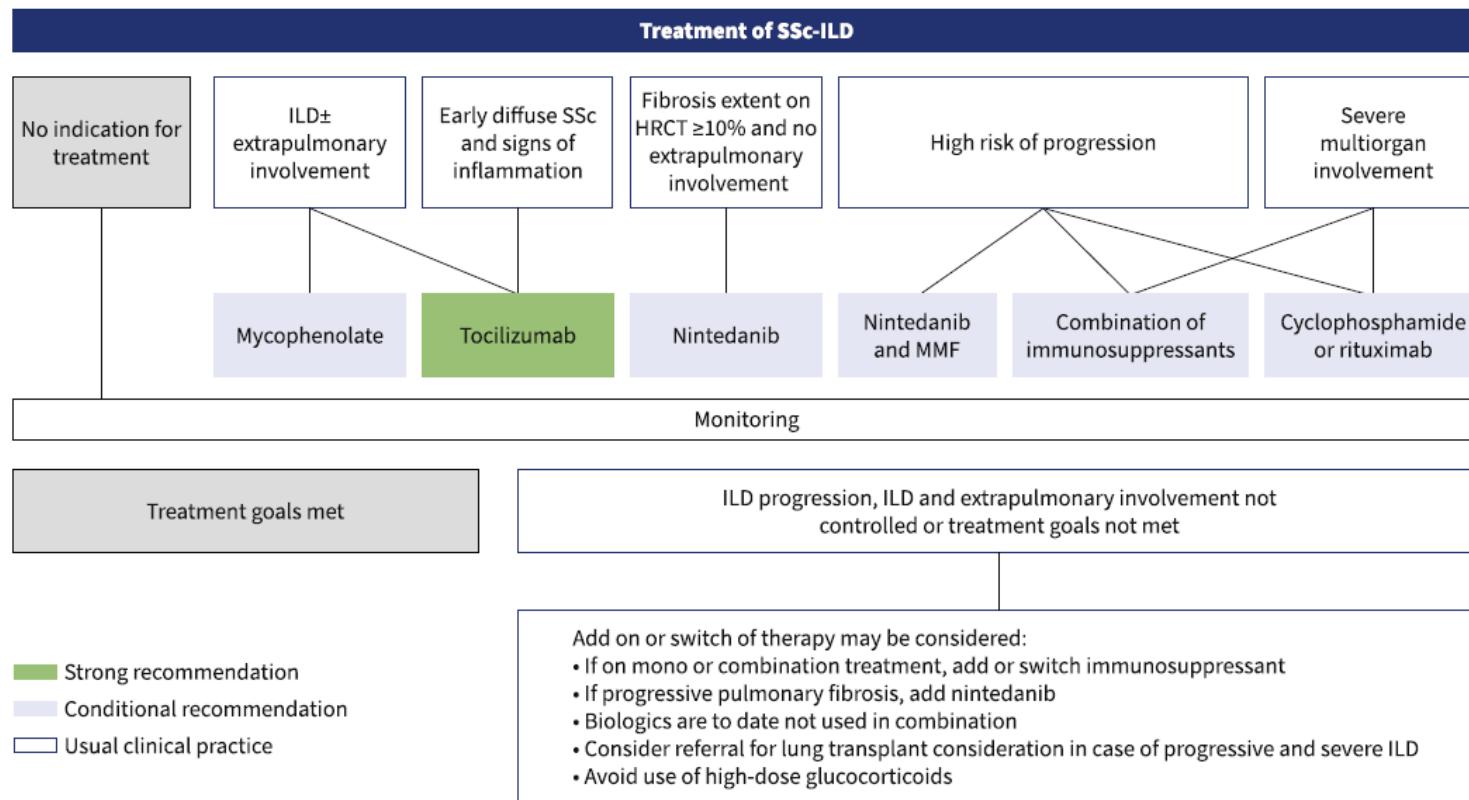
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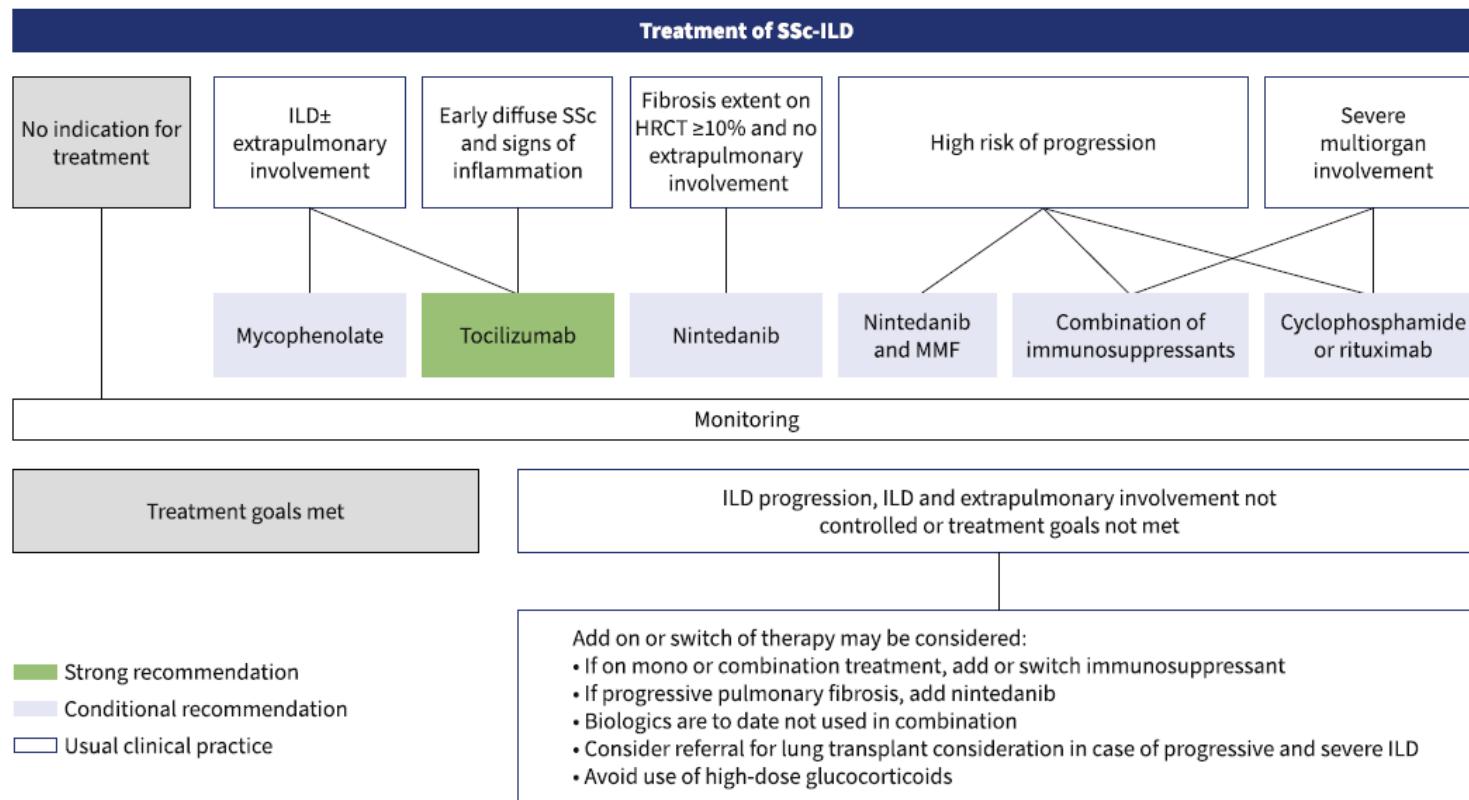




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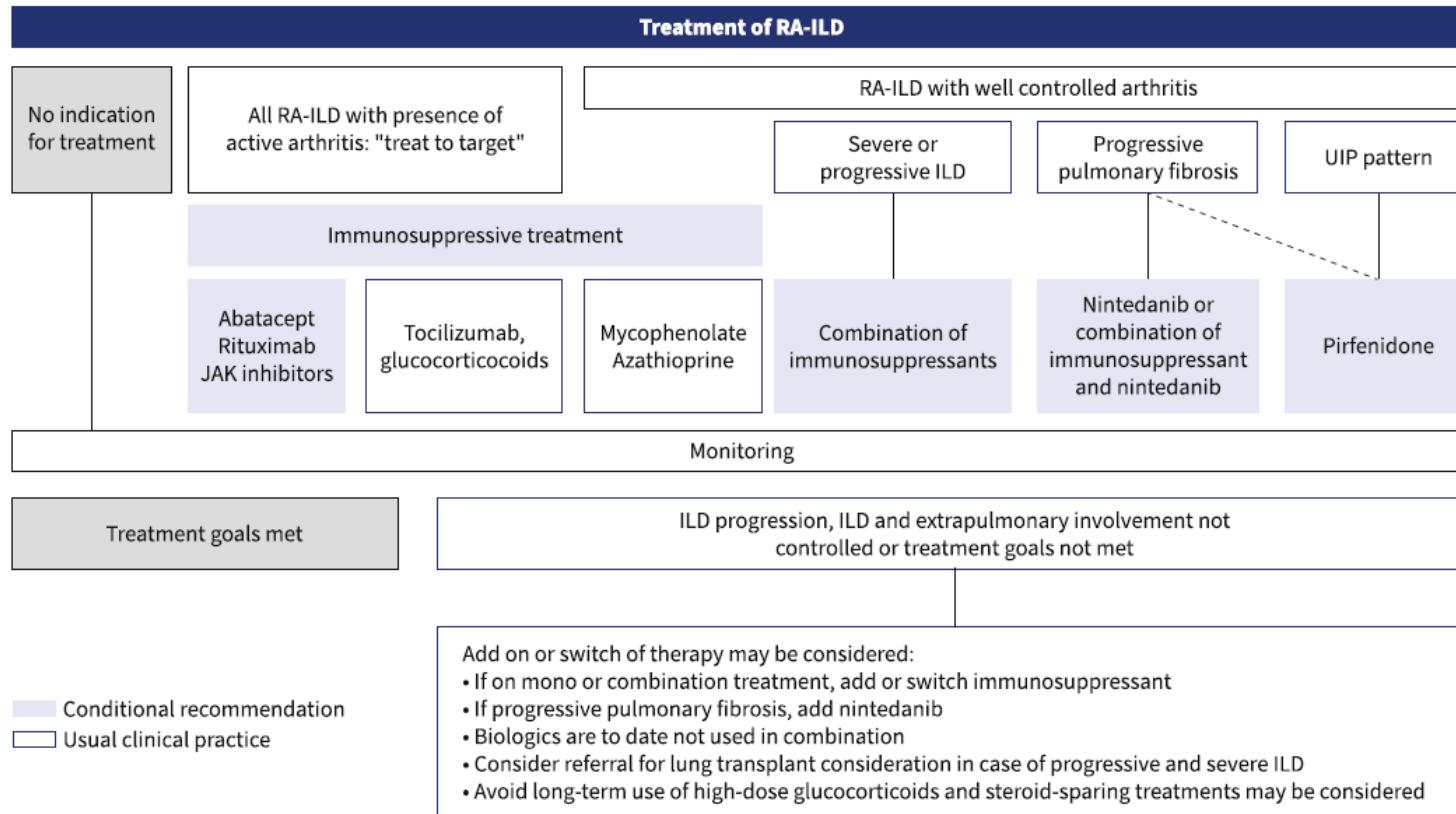




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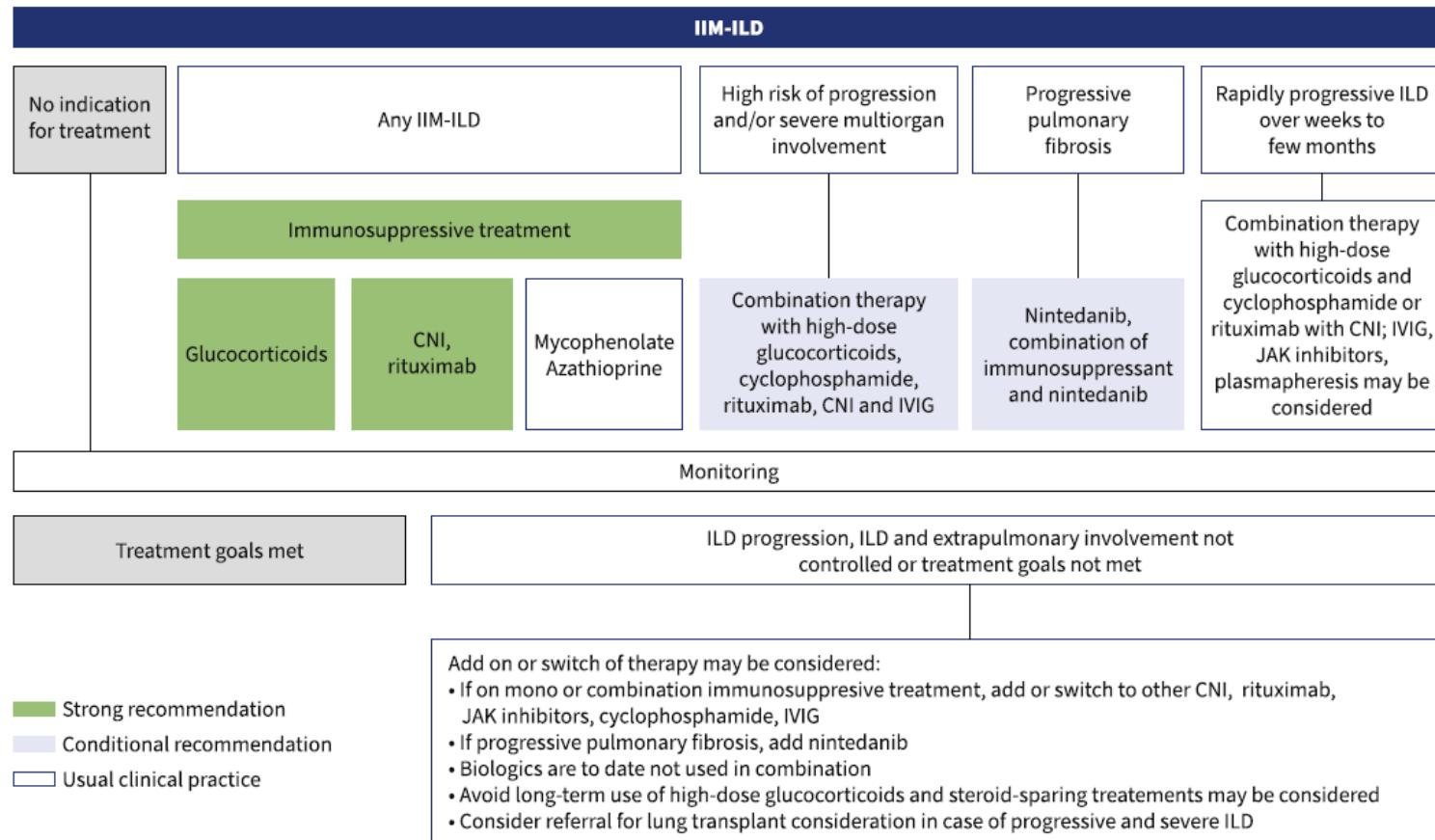




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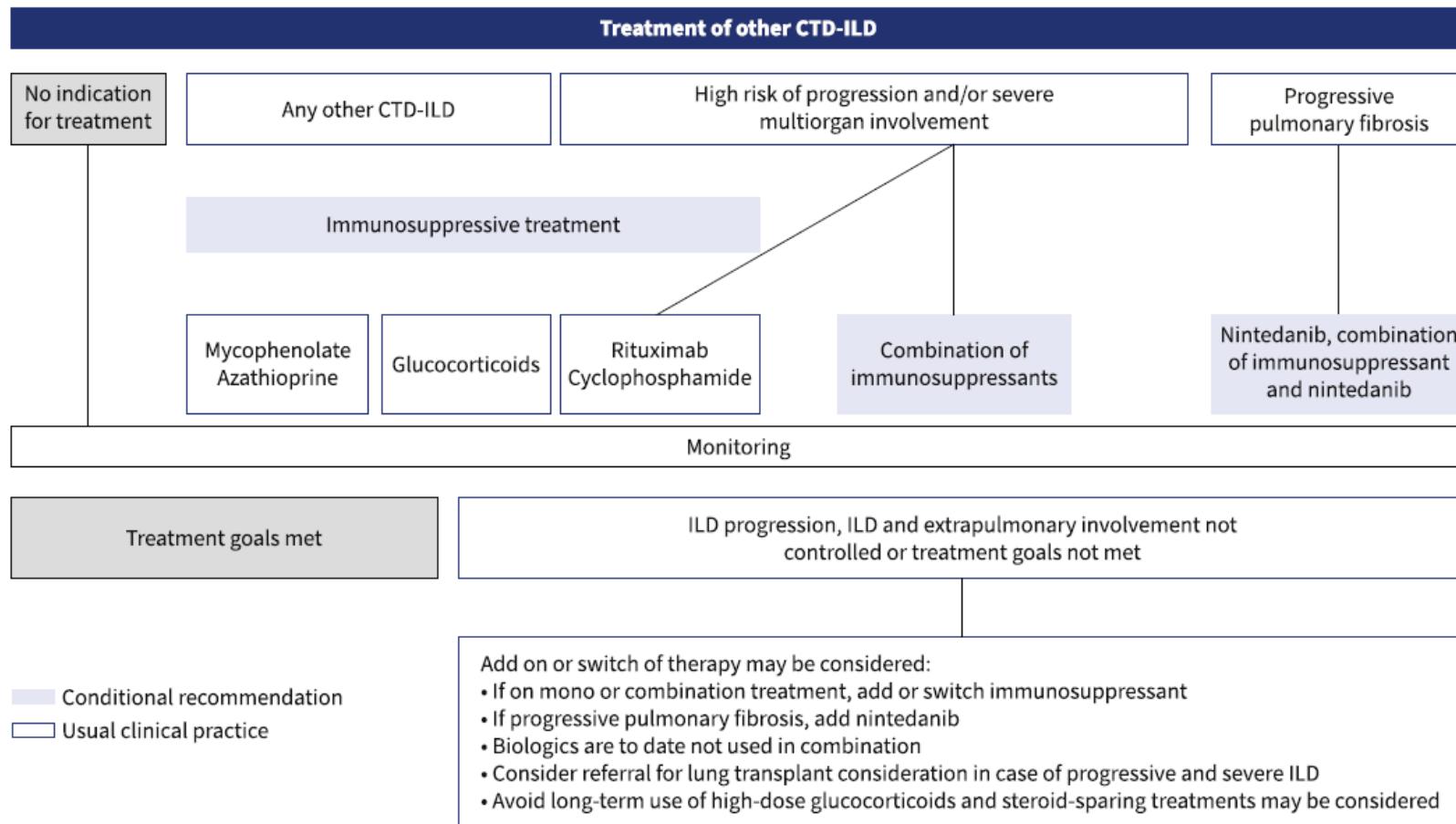




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- Low and very low certainty evidence
- Conditional recommendations
- Studies needed

