

40,000 People DIE from Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) ANNUALLY. (The same number of fatalities as breast cancer)

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IPF Strikes
RANDOMLY! Anyone can get it.

There is no **KNOWN CAUSE.**

NO TREATMENT.

There is **NO CURE!**

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to **BREATHE.**

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