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Pulmonary fibrosis research is on the move. New knowledge suggests that antifibrotic treatment benefits not only patients with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) but also patients with other types of progressive fibrosis. These new findings finally provide new therapeutic options for patients with fibrotic lung diseases. However, clinicians treating these patients now face additional unsolved questions on top of the already existing unmet needs in the care of patients with fibrotic lung diseases. Which patient should be treated with antifibrotics? Which patient with immunosuppresives? If so, with which immunosupressant? Which patient would benefit from combined treatment? How should the effectivness of antifibrotic treatment be monitored? How can our current readouts be improved? How can the progression of fibrosis be detected? The present Special Issue aims to define the current state and unmet needs in clinical practice regarding IPF. Given this background, the Issue aims to provide some urgently needed solutions.

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