



## **WHEN TO SUSPECT ILD**

If a patient has exertional SOB and/or chronic cough:

- Listen carefully for crackles
- Examine digits and joints for evidence of autoimmune disease
- Order spirometry and DL<sub>CO</sub>
- Order a chest x-ray
- Do an informal hallway walk: desaturation  $\geq 3\%$  is abnormal

**If any of the above suggest ILD, order HRCT**