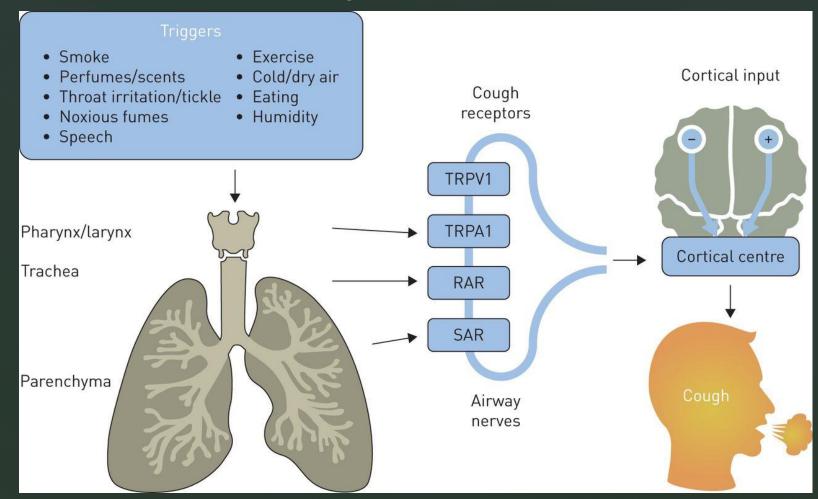
MANAGING COUGH



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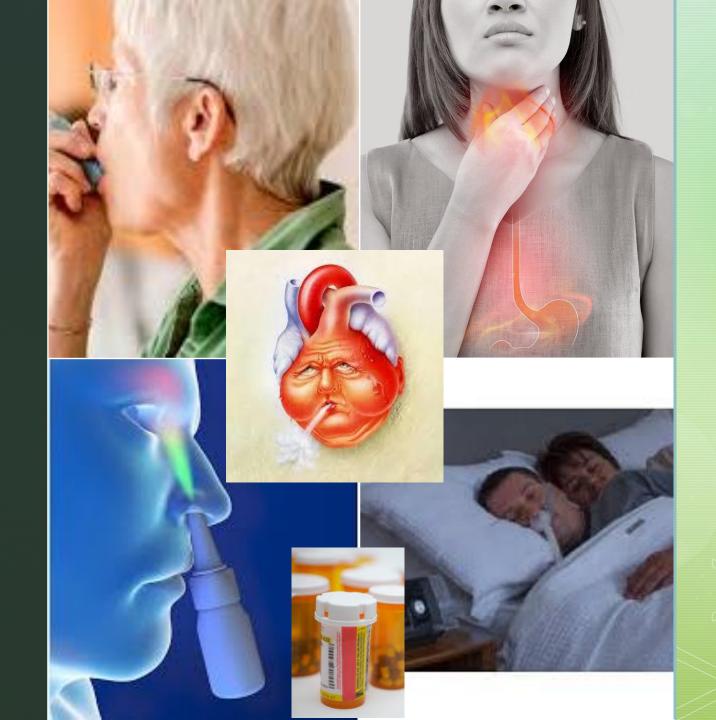
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Such a simple word but NOT a simple body process!



Is my cough from my fibrosis?

Have other causes of your cough managed before accepting that it is related to your fibrosis/interstitial lung disease.



Ok I guess my cough is from my fibrosis but why do I have a cough and Bob doesn't? We both have the same disease.



...does it mean I am sicker than Bob?

The short answer is-it depends



What can I do about this cough?

- Physical therapy
 - Airway management techniques
 - Speech therapy for cough avoidance
- Medications
 - Over the counters
 - Prescriptions
 - Homeopathic

Over the counters

- Lozenges
 - Cough lozenges
 - Can be menthol, sugar/honey based or have a mild anesthetic
- Cough syrups
 - Dextromethorphan
 - Guaifenesin
 - Avoid the cough syrups marked with a "-D" (i.e. Mucinex-D or Robitussin-D) but –DM is ok!



4 FL OZ (118 mL)

Prescription medications

- Tessalon Perles
- Neurontin
- Guaifenesin with codeine
- Guaifenesin with hydrocodone
- Morphine
- ? Antifibrotics (pirfenidone or nintedanib)
- ?Lyrica
- ?Thalidomide
- ?Gefapixant (phase 3 study)

Alternative remedies

- Acupuncture
- Honey
- Ice chips
- Sugar free candies
- Supplements-talk to your doctor!:
 - Quercetin
 - Bromelain
 - Thyme
 - Marshmallow



ACUPRESSURE PRESSURE POINTS COUGH RELIEF



- HEAVENTLY PILLAR (RIGHT) BELOW THE BASE OF YOUR SKULL ON THE THICK MUSCLES 1 ½ INCH OUT FROM EITHER SIDE OF YOUR SPINE.





SOURCE: ACUPRESSUREPOINTS.NET

REMEMBER: IF IT WORKS FOR YOU-IT WORKS!

