



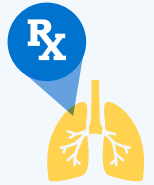
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MAC Lung Disease does not need to be treated.



MAC Lung Disease can develop slowly. Some people may not need treatment right away. Your doctor will work with you to decide upon the best treatment and timing for you individually.



If I don't have any pain and I haven't started treatment, I don't need to see my doctor.



You still need regular appointments. Your doctor needs to check you for symptoms and see if you need to start treatment.



All doctors prescribe the same medicines to treat MAC Lung Disease.



Your treatment will be individualized for you based upon the treatment guidelines. These guidelines list specific medicines and doses. You can ask if your doctor follows the guidelines.



The side effects of treatment are worse than MAC Lung Disease.



People may be able to handle treatment without major problems. You may experience side effects and need your treatment plan adjusted. You and your doctor can adjust your treatment plan as necessary to help manage side effects.



There is no cure for MAC Lung Disease.



Damage to lung tissue may be permanent, however, the infection can be treated, possibly preventing further damage. Treatment can get rid of the infection, but it is possible for the infection to return.



Once I'm diagnosed with MAC Lung Disease, I don't need to have more sputum (mucus) tests.



You'll need regular sputum analysis to look for MAC bacteria. This helps your doctor see if your treatment is working and how long your treatment should last.



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