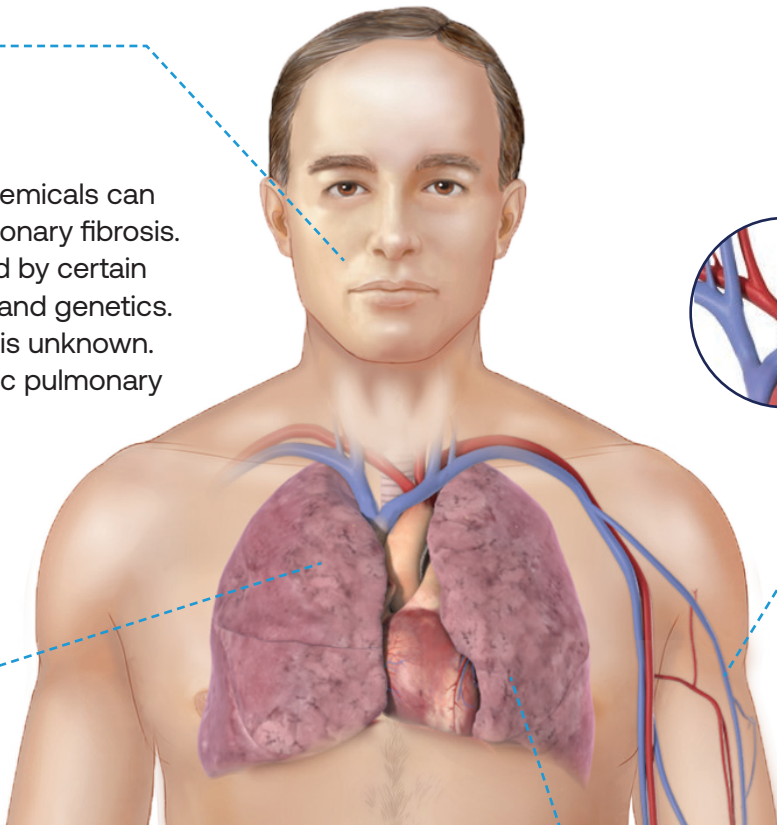


# What Is Pulmonary Fibrosis (PF)?



Inhaling hazardous chemicals can be one cause of pulmonary fibrosis. PF can also be caused by certain diseases, medication and genetics. Most often the cause is unknown. This is called idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF).



Fibrosis (scarring of the lungs) makes it hard to absorb oxygen into the blood stream.



Scarring of the lungs is called fibrosis. It causes the tissues in the lungs to get thick and stiff.



Pulmonary fibrosis is an interstitial lung disease. Interstitial lung diseases are a group of conditions that cause inflammation and scarring around the tiny air sacs (alveoli) in the lungs.