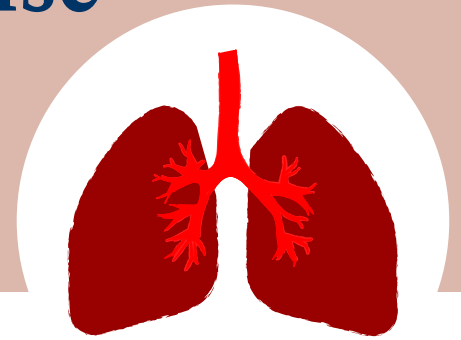


# Scleroderma Patients Face Serious Lung Disease

**Systemic sclerosis (SSc), or scleroderma,** is a disfiguring, disabling and potentially fatal rare autoimmune disease that causes scarring – or fibrosis – of various organs, including the lungs.<sup>1-3</sup>



ILD is the leading cause of mortality in SSc, accounting for almost **35%** of SSc-related deaths<sup>4</sup>



**13-16%** of patients with SSc will experience severe symptoms of lung fibrosis<sup>5-7</sup>

## ILD IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG PEOPLE WITH SSC

Some people with SSc-ILD have symptoms that can affect their everyday life:

 **7 in 10** report some shortness of breath<sup>8</sup>

**6 in 10** report difficulty climbing stairs or walking<sup>8</sup>



**Patients who have scleroderma and are experiencing symptoms of SSc-ILD like fatigue, shortness of breath, a dry, persistent cough or tightness of the chest, should talk to their doctor right away.**

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