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Key questions defining research program:

- How can we define clinical subphenotypes of interstitial lung disease (ILD)?
- Does subphenotyping of ILD, such as idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF), alter clinical course?
- Are there biomarkers that correlate with extrapulmonary disease in sarcoidosis?
- How do sarcoid patients do with alternatives to corticosteroid therapy?

Key words describing research program:

- Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD)
- Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF)
- Sarcoidosis
- Systemic Sclerosis (SSc)
- Chronic Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis

Titles for shovel-ready research projects:

- Simmons Center ILD Comorbidity Index
- Simmons Center experience with methotrexate, leflunomide, and infliximab in sarcoid
- Sarcoid biomarkers of disease severity and extrapulmonary manifestations

Data sources for shovel-ready research projects:

- Simmons Center Registry
- Genomics and Proteomics (GAP) of IPF
- Genetic Polymorphisms of ILD (GP)