

# Honeycombing

## Honeycomb pattern

- Cystic airspaces
- Thick, clearly defined walls
- Layered along pleural surface
- Pulmonary fibrosis

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- IPF
- Collagen vascular diseases
- Asbestosis
- \*Upper lung – sarcoidosis, HP

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**TABLE 3-5.** *Differential diagnosis of honeycombing*

Diagnosis	Comments
Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) or other cause of Usual interstitial pneumonia (UIP)	Common; peripheral
Asbestosis	Common; peripheral
Hypersensitivity pneumonitis (chronic)	Common; peripheral or diffuse
Sarcoidosis	Sometimes seen
Silicosis/Coal worker's pneumoconiosis	Uncommon
Histiocytosis X	Uncommon; cysts predominate

## **Honeycombing**

### **UIP or Interstitial fibrosis**

IPF

RA, scleroderma

drug reaction

asbestosis

end stage hypersensitivity pneumonitis

**End stage sarcoidosis**



