A 57-year-old female smoker presents with a six-month history of cough and increasing dyspnoea.

Chest radiograph is abnormal and HRCT is performed. This shows features suggestive of usual interstitial pneumonia (UIP).

Management questions:
Q1: What would your next step be: ask her to stop smoking and monitor closely, or proceed to bronchoscopy with or without BAL and/or transbronchial biopsy or refer for surgical lung biopsy?
The patient refuses lung biopsy. She gives up smoking but continues to deteriorate despite trials of prednisolone, azathioprine and cyclophosphamide.
Q2: Do you offer best supportive care, referral for lung transplantation or another intervention?