Lung cancer suspect





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Referral framework

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Dubbo – Via Argus to <u>wnswlhd-</u> <u>ccdubsmc@health.nsw.gov.au</u>. If unable to access Argus, please fax to 6881 6569.

- All referral letters will be seen by a respiratory physician within 14 days
- During usual working hours, our respiratory physicians are happy to discuss any referrals

Indications for specialist referral

- Persistent haemoptysis or signs of superior vena cava obstruction
- Suspicious lesion on chest x-ray or CT scan
- High clinical suspicion of lung cancer and/or significant risk factors

Referral information required

 Please use the Lung Cancer Suspect Fast Track referral form <u>WNSWLHD Lung Cancer</u> <u>Suspect Fast Track referral form.pdf</u>

Investigations required

- Chest x-ray (PA and lateral). Note that a normal chest x-ray does not exclude lung cancer.
- CT scan of chest and upper abdomen (low resolution with contrast)

Initial management

- Manage the patient's symptoms and provide psychosocial support
- Consider a smoking cessation program
- If the patient is Aboriginal, consider involving an Aboriginal Health Worker
- For all patients, a Cancer Nurse Specialist can help with psychosocial support

'Red Flag' items

- Massive haemoptysis (> 100mL blood)
- Stridor
- Respiratory distress
- Signs to suggest superior vena cava obstruction

How to access care in the event of a 'red flag'

Refer any patient with red flags immediately

- For GPs in Dubbo, contact Emergency Physician in Charge on 6809 7120
- For GPs located outside of Dubbo, contact Patient Flow Unit

Other information

- Find your Lung Cancer MDT specialists on <u>https://www.canrefer.org.au/</u>
- Information on optimum cancer care pathways: <u>https://canceraustralia.gov.au/publications-</u> andresources/canceraustraliapublications/investigating-symptomslung-cancerguide-gps_and http://gp.cancer.org.au/gp-tools/
- Patient information sheets
 <u>http://www.cancervic.org.au/downloads/resources</u>
 / booklets/Understanding-Lung-Cancer.pdf

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