

Referral framework

Referrals are triaged according to urgency by medical oncologists weekly. Referrals marked urgent will be triaged within 24 hours.

Urgent referrals will be generally seen by a medical oncologist within 14 days.

During normal working hours, our medical oncologists are happy to discuss any referrals.

Send referral to Orange

- Fax referral to 6360 3868

Send referral via email;

WNSWLHD-OrangeMedOncSec@health.nsw.gov.au

Name of clinical condition / presentation

- Lung cancer suspect

Indications for specialist referral

- Persistent haemoptysis or signs of superior vena caval 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 Fast Track Referral form [WNSW Lung Cancer Fast Track Referral form](#)

Investigations required

- Chest X-ray – (PA and Lateral). 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 to the emergency department immediately.

Other information

- Find your Lung Cancer MDT specialists on <https://www.canrefer.org.au/>
- Information on optimum cancer care pathways <https://canceraustralia.gov.au/publications-and-resources/cancer-australia-publications/investigating-symptoms-lung-cancer-guide-gps> and <http://gp.cancer.org.au/gp-tools/>
- Patient information sheets <http://www.cancervic.org.au/downloads/resources/booklets/Understanding-Lung-Cancer.pdf>