

Do not delay referral - refer immediately to a specialist detailed below if lung nodules or masses are observed or if lung cancer is suspected

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Unexplained, persistent signs or symptoms lasting for more than three weeks (less with people who have known risk factors)

- Unexplained haemoptysis
- Persistent, new or changed cough
- Chest and/or shoulder pain
- Shortness of breath
- Hoarseness of voice
- Weight loss or loss of appetite
- Unresolved chest infection
- Abnormal chest signs
- Finger clubbing
- Cervical and/or supraclavicular lymphadenopathy
- Features suggestive of metastasis from a lung cancer
- Signs of pleural effusion

Urgent referral to a specialist and concurrent chest CT

- Persistent haemoptysis
- Signs of superior vena cava obstruction

Immediate referral to an Emergency Department

- Massive haemoptysis

INVESTIGATIONS (INITIAL WORK UP)

- **Early/Concurrent referral preferred**
- **Chest X-ray** - If cancer is suspected refer immediately
- **CT Chest & Upper Abdomen** – If Chest X-Ray is normal & symptoms persist
- **Immediate referral if CT is abnormal**

IDEAL REFERRAL CONTENT

- Date of Birth
- Patient Contact Details
- Referring GP details
- Provider Number
- Reason for Referral
- Results of **current clinical investigations** (imaging and pathology reports)
- Attach important –
Psychosocial history
Past history
Family history
Current medications
Allergies
- Notification if an **interpreter** is required

LUNG CANCER SPECIALIST REFERRAL PATHWAYS

Medical Oncologists – Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre

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Radiation Oncologists - Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre

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***Lung Rapid Access Clinic/Multidisciplinary Team Meeting held every Tuesday at Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre**