

**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**

Kerrie Clarke - Border Medical Oncology  
Richard Eek – Border Medical Oncology  
Christopher Steer- Border Medical Oncology  
Craig Underhill – Border Medical Oncology  
Phone No: 02 6064 1515  
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### **Respiratory Physicians**

**Andreas Baisch, 29 Clark St, Wangaratta**

Phone No: 03 5721 5533

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**Franz Eversheim, Vermont Street Clinic, Wodonga**

**James Robertson, Vermont Street Clinic, Wodonga**

Phone No: 02 6051 7535

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## ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

### **Radiation Oncologists - Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre**

Craig MacLeod – Genesis Care  
Eddy Ong - Genesis Care  
Phone No: 02 6043 7800  
Fax No: 02 6024 1418

### **Thoracic Surgeon**

**Naveed Alam, St Vincent's Hospital**

Phone No: 03 9419 2477

Fax No: 03 9417 1694

### **Cardiothoracic Surgeon**

**Phillip Antippa, Royal Melbourne Hospital**

Phone No: 03 9342 4541

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