

The Lung Mass Clinic clinicians attend a weekly multidisciplinary cancer meetings to discuss and plan the treatment of patients with lung cancers.

Department of Health clinical urgency categories for specialist clinics

Urgent: All suspected lung cancer cases should be referred to the **Lung Mass Clinic** and will be reviewed by a specialist **within 14 days**.

Please annotate on referral: "urgent due to high suspicion of malignancy"

Please fax referral to 9496 2097

Received referrals will be triaged within 2 business days

Exclusions: Nil

Condition / Symptom	GP Management	Investigations Required Prior to Referral	Expected Triage Outcome	Expected Specialist Intervention Outcome	Expected number of Specialist Appointments
<p>Lung Cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent symptoms and signs Smoking history Medical Comorbidities Medications Functional Status of Patient <p>Emergency - Presence of "red flag" symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Massive Haemoptysis (>300mL blood loss) Stridor Respiratory Distress Severe signs of superior vena cava obstruction Clinical concern <p>If there are none of the above 'red flag' symptoms, inpatient admission will not expedite investigation and management. Please refer as per GP Management section.</p>	<p>Urgent</p> <p>All suspected cases are considered urgent and should be referred to the Lung Mass Clinic.</p> <p>Please annotate on referral: "urgent due to high suspicion of malignancy"</p> <p>Please fax referral to Specialist Clinics on 9496 2097</p> <p>For emergency cases, please contact Respiratory Registrar via Austin Hospital Switchboard 9496 5000</p>	<p>Clinical history and examination</p> <p>Imaging:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imaging: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CXR and/or CT Chest (including location & date of current/previous films) <p>Pathology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent Blood Tests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FBE, UEC, LFTs, Calcium, INR <p>Other investigations may be arranged by the relevant unit prior to the patient's first clinic appointment to facilitate diagnosis</p> <p>Instruct patient to bring films & pathology results to the Specialist Clinic appointment.</p>	<p>Urgent:</p> <p>Patient will be seen by a specialist within 14 days.</p>	As required	As required