

COPD – Think Cancer Checklist

- ✓ When carrying out a COPD review it's important to try and recognise potential symptoms of lung cancer.
- ✓ Document weight as part of COPD review.
- ✓ Consider checking Full Blood count.
- ✓ Consider referring for a chest x-ray if new onset of symptoms from baseline.

- Unintentional **Weight loss**/documented unintentional weight loss
- > 2 courses of antibiotics in 6 months for respiratory infection
- Worsening respiratory symptoms from baseline for ≥ 3 weeks
- Raised platelets or new anaemia
- New Fatigue/Anorexia

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Referral Guidance:

- If any of the above are present, please consider a CXR by making a referral to GP or ACP where applicable. If the patient has had a normal CXR in the last 3 months with one of the above present, refer to GP to consider referral on an Urgent Suspected Cancer pathway for a CT scan.
- If the patient has had a contrast CT scan of the chest in the last 12 months, it is unlikely that the patient has lung cancer and does not require a further scan. However, if there are ongoing concerns, please consider referring to GP for further action.
- If the patient has had a normal screening CT scan of the chest within the last 12 months, it is unlikely that the patient has lung cancer and does not require a further scan. However, if there are significant concerns, consider referring to GP for referral on a USC pathway.

Patient may be eligible for Lung Cancer Screening.

If the patient is between the ages of 55-74 and is a current or ex-smoker, please advise the patient that if they are invited to a Lung Cancer Screening appointment it is important that they attend.

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