

# OUTPATIENT GP REFERRAL GUIDELINES MEDICAL ONCOLOGY

Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (SALHN)

# Confirmed Malignancy LUNG CANCER

- Biopsy proven
- Metastatic disease
- Recurrence following previous treatment

### **Information Required**

- Presence of Red Flags
- Detailed history of presenting signs and symptoms
- Past medical history and current medications, allergies
- All prior relevant investigations and imaging (and provider)
- Previous histology results

# **Investigations Required**

- CXR
- Bloods, CBE/EUC/LFT including
- CT staging chest, abdomen and pelvis

\*NOTE: Appropriate clinical data would facilitate in prompt appointment scheduling

#### **Fax Referrals to**

• Flinders Cancer Clinic Fax: (08) 8404 2152

## **Red Flags**

#### Present to **Emergency Department**

Febrile Neutropenia

Very high calcium (>3.0 mmol/L)

SVC obstruction

Spinal cord compression

Refer to LUNG CANCER RAPID ACCESS CLINIC Ph: 8204 4942 Fax: 8204 6105

Haemoptysis with suspected lung cancer (abnormal chest X-ray)

Abnormal chest x-ray suggesting cancer of the lung

# **Suggested GP Management**

- Refer to The Lung cancer rapid access clinic for undiagnosed suspected lung cancer
- GPs are welcome to refer directly to Medical Oncology, patients with confirmed diagnosis of lung cancer.
- Majority of referrals made to Oncology for chemotherapy comes following assessments through the treating Respiratory or Cardiothoracic Surgical teams.
- Patients on surveillance after previous treatment for lung malignancy may be referred direct to Flinders Cancer Clinic, for any cancer related issues
- Investigations refer to Investigations Required above

#### **Clinical Resources**

 Investigating Symptoms of Lung Cancer: A guide for GPs.

http://canceraustralia.gov.au/sites/ default/files/publications/lungcancer-gp-guide-

2012 509ae0cdd2e36.pdf

General Information to assist with referrals and the and Referral templates for FMC and RGH are available to download from the SALHN Outpatient Services website <a href="https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SALHNoutpatients">www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SALHNoutpatients</a>

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