

Fact sheet

Central Adelaide Respiratory and Sleep (Thoracic) Medicine Service

Clinical Information Sheet

Clinical Condition	Haemoptysis
Eligibility	Haemoptysis
Priority	<p>Immediate priority: If massive haemoptysis or suspected tuberculosis: Mon-Fri, 9-5: must be discussed with the Thoracic Registrar via switchboard 8222 4000 (RAH) or 8222 6000 (TQEH) for appropriate prioritisation and then fax referral to 08 8222 5398 (RAH) or 8222 7244 (TQEH). After hours: Thoracic registrar or medical registrar on call via switchboard</p> <p>Urgent or Semi-urgent: depends on clinical presentation – see table of conditions by clinical urgency.</p>
Differential Diagnoses	Lung malignancy Infection – including TB Pulmonary embolus/ infarct Bronchiectasis Vasculitis or vascular pathology Coagulopathy
Information required with referral	<p>History:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Duration and severity of symptoms• Associated symptoms – dyspnoea/ cough/ chest pain/ leg swelling/ weight loss• systemic symptoms• recent travel• history of VTE risk factors: immobility/ malignancy/ OCP/ known or family history of thrombotic abnormality <p>Other medical and allied health practitioners the patient has seen concerning this problem.</p>
Investigations required with referral	<p>If performed: CXR CT chest with lung cuts / CTPA if pulmonary embolus suspected and if renal function acceptable and no contrast allergy</p> <p>Coagulation studies, Complete blood examination, EUC</p>

For more information

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