

**Clinical Guideline:** Cough Site: FPH

* <3/52 acute -8/82 Chronic
* Evidence of wheezing, gord, post nasal drip
* Haemoptysis, breathlessness, fever, chest pain, weight loss

History

General Information

* Common
* Exclude sinister causes: TB, lung cancer

Advice and Treatment

* Abnormal chest x-ray
* Heamoptysis/clubbing/suspected interstitial disease
* Failure to respond after trail of oral steroids/steroid nasal inhaler

Referral Guidelines – red flag signs

* Chest x-ray if red flag or >8/52
* Check eosinophil, IgE, ANA/ANCA
* Peak flow monitoring/Salbutamol challenge

Investigation

* Clubbing, wheeze, fine end inspiratory crackles, evidence of heart failure

Examination