

Investigating symptoms in lung cancer: A guide for general practitioners

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Project Update

Development of the *guide* for GPs

PUBLIC CONSULTATION IS NOW OPEN! CONSULTATION CLOSSES 18 FEBRUARY 2011

Symptoms of lung cancer are likely to present in general practice as part of routine care or during the management of other diseases such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, chronic heart failure and coronary heart disease.

In preparing this draft GP guide we aimed to improve the awareness of GPs to the risks and symptoms of lung cancer, and to equip GPs to pursue appropriate referral pathways to facilitate the early detection and management of lung cancer. The health questions addressed in this GP guide are:

Symptoms of lung cancer: What are the symptoms or combinations of symptoms that are likely to indicate lung cancer?

Investigations: How effective are diagnostic and staging investigations in patients with suspected lung cancer?

Referral: Effective follow up of suspected lung cancer – red flags, referral pathways.

The GP guide was developed by an Expert Advisory Panel, led by Professor Danielle Mazza. The expert panel includes a range of health professionals, consumer representatives and health system representatives.

How to make a submission

The GP guide is available for comment until Saturday 18 February 2012. We are seeking your feedback on the content, relevance and usability of the GP guide. Please provide feedback by following this survey link- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/lungcancerGPguide>. If you would prefer please provide your feedback via email to samantha.chakraborty@monash.edu, or in writing to Department of General Practice, Monash University, Building 1, 270 Ferntree Gully Road, Notting Hill, VIC 3608.

Consultation documents

[DRAFT: Investigating symptoms in lung cancer: A guide for general practitioners](#)

[Public consultation survey](#)

Development of the National Directory of Multidisciplinary Teams

The project Steering Group has continued work to develop the National Directory of Multidisciplinary Teams. The National Directory of Multidisciplinary Teams will be developed in collaboration with CanNET Program Managers from each state and territory to build on the work that has already been undertaken.

To date, existing Cancer Service Directories have been identified throughout Australia. These include most recent details about lung cancer Multidisciplinary Teams in each state and territory. The Directory is being designed in preparation for release on 20 March 2012.

Timelines

Early January 2012

Consultation on the draft GP guide

18 February 2012

Final day for public consultation

20 March 2012

Release the GP *guide* and *Directory* and provide recommendations for educational and supportive resources

December 2012

Develop educational and promotional material to support uptake of the guide and directory

March 2013

Fully costed implementation and sustainability plan