

Tuberculosis

Defined as

- Infection due to mycobacterium tuberculosis

Information Required

- Duration of symptoms
- Other co-morbidities
- Any ICU/HDU admissions
- Medication list
- Smoking status
- Travel history / immigrant status
- Immunosuppression
- Past history of tuberculosis contact

Investigations Required






- Chest X-ray
- CBP
- LFT
- Sputum Acid Fast Bacilli (AFB)

Fax Referrals to

FMC Outpatient Clinic Fax: (08) 8204 6105 (Clinic B)

Noarlunga GP Plus Fax: (08) 8384 9711

Red Flags should prompt immediate referral to Emergency Department

-  Suspected active infection
-  Fever
-  Weight loss
-  Cavity lung disease
-  Haemoptysis

Suggested GP Management

- Prompt referral
- Initial antibiotic treatment for possible infection other than tuberculosis
- The Statewide Tuberculosis Service is located at 'The Chest Clinic 275 North Terrace Adelaide'

Clinical Resources

- Department of Health, Victoria, Infectious Diseases epidemiology and surveillance. Tuberculosis Management, prevention and control of tuberculosis: Guidelines for health care providers 2002-2005
<https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/infectious-diseases/disease-information-advice/tuberculosis>
- British Thoracic Society. Tuberculosis Guidelines. Tuberculosis- Clinical diagnosis and management of tuberculosis, and measures for its prevention and control. March 2011
<https://www.brit-thoracic.org.uk/guidelines-and-quality-standards/tuberculosis-guideline/>

General Information to assist with referrals and the Referral templates for FMC and Noarlunga GP Plus are available to download from the SALHN Outpatient Services website www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SALHNoutpatients.

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