

Referral framework

All referrals are to include information below.

During normal working hours, contact can Registrar to discuss any referrals.

Send referral to;

Dubbo - Send referral via Argus to
wnewlhd-ccdubsmc@health.nsw.gov.au

Fax referral 6884 0637

Name of clinical condition / presentation

- Fast Track Respiratory Outpatient Clinic

Indications for specialist referral

Please specify preference on referral;

- First Available; **or**
- Dr Sugamya Mallawathantri
- Dr Charles Prabhakar

Referral information required

- Requesting Doctor
- Referral Period in months
- Name
- Address
- Provider No:
- Respiratory Physiology refer; [Dubbo HS External Respiratory LFT Request Form.pdf](#)

Investigations required

Other Tests to be Completed:

- CXR CT Pathology PET

Initial management

- All patients require a staging CT [CT chest and abdomen with contrast] prior to review in the FT clinic. Please make sure imaging is available for review at the FT clinic.
- Please do not arrange CT guided biopsy of suspicious lesions/pleural fluid drainage until review by a Specialist in the FastTrack clinic
- Please do not mention "CANCER" - [shadow on CXR/CT hence the referral]

'Red Flag' items

- Respiratory distress
- Signs to suggest superior vena cava obstruction



How to access care in the event of a 'red flag'

- Refer any patient with red flags to the emergency department immediately.

Other information

Please ensure that all supporting documents are attached and fax completed form to the Respiratory Outpatient Clinic on 02 6884 0637. The patient will be contacted to arrange for further tests if required and an early appointment