

WHO ARE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL LUNG CANCER MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT)?

Lung cancer specialists affiliated with MDTs in South Western Sydney Local Health District are:

Liverpool

Medical Oncologists

A/Prof Victoria Bray
Dr Abhijit Pal

Macarthur

Dr Po Yee Yip
Dr Annette Tognola

Bankstown

Dr Ray Asghari

Radiation Oncologists

Prof Shalini Vinod
Dr Megan Berry

Dr Mei Ling Yap

Dr Trang Pham

Palliative Care Specialist

Dr Jennifer Wiltshire

Cardiothoracic surgeons

Prof Michael Wilson
A/Prof Bruce French
Dr Mohammad Azari

A/Prof Bruce French

Respiratory Physicians

A/Prof Jonathan Williamson
Dr Benjamin Kolevski
Dr Anthony Johnson
Dr Zinta Harrington

Dr Soo Wei Foo
Dr Belinda Cochrane
Dr Anthony Aouad
Dr Conceicao Santos
Dr Erica Meggitt
Dr Fedil Metti

Dr Anthony Frankel
Dr Kelvin Hsu
Dr Sultana Syeda
Dr Seymour Atlas
Dr Aaron Ting

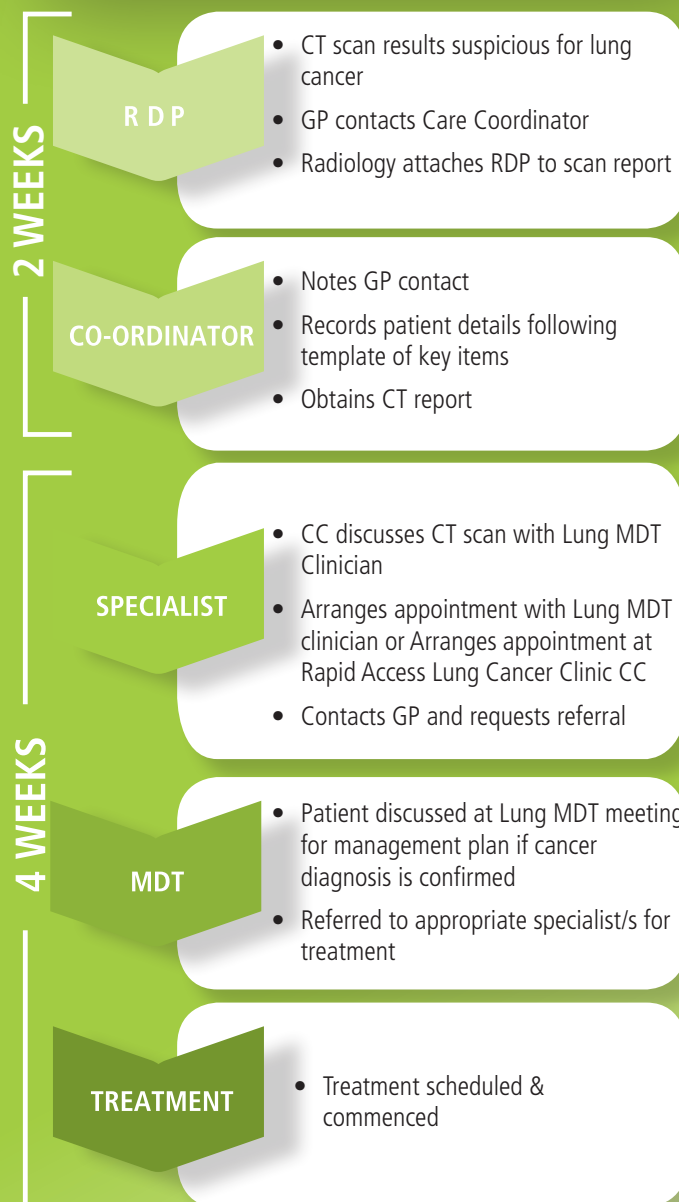
Multidisciplinary care (MDC) is an integrated team approach to health care.

All health professionals involved in a patient's care may attend a MDT meeting to contribute to the discussion in order to develop an individualised management plan for each patient.

If you are a clinician who would like to attend a MDT meeting, please contact the MDT using the contact details on this brochure. You do not need to be appointed to South Western Sydney Local Health District to attend a MDT meeting.

MDT Website: https://www.swslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/cancer/r_respiratory.html

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE GP CONTACTS THE CARE CO-ORDINATOR?



Referral Decision Prompt (RDP) for Lung Cancer

Reducing time to diagnosis and treatment for patients with lung cancer

For triage:

Phone: 0438 172 528

Website: www.swslhd.nsw.gov.au/cancer



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WHY PARTICIPATE IN THE REFERRAL DECISION PROMPT?

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In Australia, more than 50% of lung cancers are diagnosed at Stage III & IV with an overall five-year survival of only 15%. Studies show that earlier diagnosis and treatment can help improve survival rates.

The Rapid Access Lung Cancer Clinic at Liverpool and Campbelltown Hospital is a comprehensive service which aims to fast-track patients in their clinical assessment, diagnosis and treatment for suspicious pulmonary nodules or masses. In its first year of operation, 65% of our referrals were seen within 14 days of referral, with a median time to diagnosis of 29 days. We are actively working on ways to improve these times further.

General Practitioners (GP's) play a vital role in the fight against lung cancer, by the timely referral of patients with suspicious lung lesions to specialists. The Rapid Access Lung Cancer Clinic offers this service to provide timely and integrated care to our patients in South Western Sydney.

To ensure timely access for diagnosis and treatment, please contact the **Care Coordinator on 0438 172 528** who will liaise with members of the Lung Multidisciplinary Team for the most appropriate referral pathway. Alternatively, you can refer your patient directly to one of the following clinics staffed by respiratory physicians with a special interest in Lung Cancer, marked as **urgent**.

OPTIMAL CARE PATHWAY FOR LUNG CANCER PATIENTS

Care point

Timeframe

Initial investigations by GP

Test results should be provided to the patient within 1 week. Prior discussion of test results with a specialist is not critical.

Specialist appointment

The specialist appointment should take place within 2 weeks of initial GP referral.

Treatment planning

Ideally, all newly diagnosed patients should be discussed in a multidisciplinary team meeting before beginning treatment.

Treatment

The time from initial referral to initial treatment should be no more than 6 weeks.

Rapid Access Lung Cancer Clinic
Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre (Monday mornings)
Bookings: Phone 8738 5282 Fax 8738 5299 or email
SWSLHD-LiverpoolCTCNewPatients@health.nsw.gov.au

Fast Track Lung Clinic
Campbelltown Hospital (Friday afternoons)
Bookings: Phone 4634 4963 Fax 4634 4701 or email
SWSLHD-Campbelltownoutpatients@health.nsw.gov.au

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information:

Referrals: How to assess, manage and refer patients with symptoms or radiology results suggestive of lung cancer and other conditions: <https://southwestsydney.healthpathways.org.au/index.htm>

For Patients:

- Cancer Council NSW
www.cancer council.com.au/get-support
- Lung Cancer Foundation:
www.lungfoundation.com.au

On Specialists:

All specialists attached to Lung Multidisciplinary teams in NSW can be found at: www.canrefer.org.au

Local Cancer Services:

www.swslhd.nsw.gov.au/cancer/refer

Visit

www.cancerpathways.org.au
for consumer friendly guides and

www.cancer.org.au/OCP
for the full clinical version and instructions on how to import these guides into your GP software.

¹ *Optimal Care Pathways for People with Lung Cancer*

STUDIES SHOW THAT EARLIER DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT CAN HELP IMPROVE SURVIVAL RATES