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Oncology Awareness

Common Cancers work up pathway

Suspected Lung Cancers:

Signs & symptoms:

- Unexplained persistent cough >2 weeks
- Hemoptysis
- Chest pain
- Fever
- Breathlessness

Tests:

- Routine bloods (CBC, urea, Creatinine, LFT)
- ECG
- Viral serology
- Chest X ray
- Bronchoscopy +/- biopsy (for central lesions on CXR) (for histology & in case of adenocarcinomas only, EGFR & ALK mutation status)
- CECT thorax
- CT-guided trucut biopsy from lung lesion (for peripheral lesions on CXR) (for histology & in case of adenocarcinomas only, EGFR & ALK mutation status)
- PET-CT scan whole body (after confirmation of malignancy)
- Pulmonary Function Test