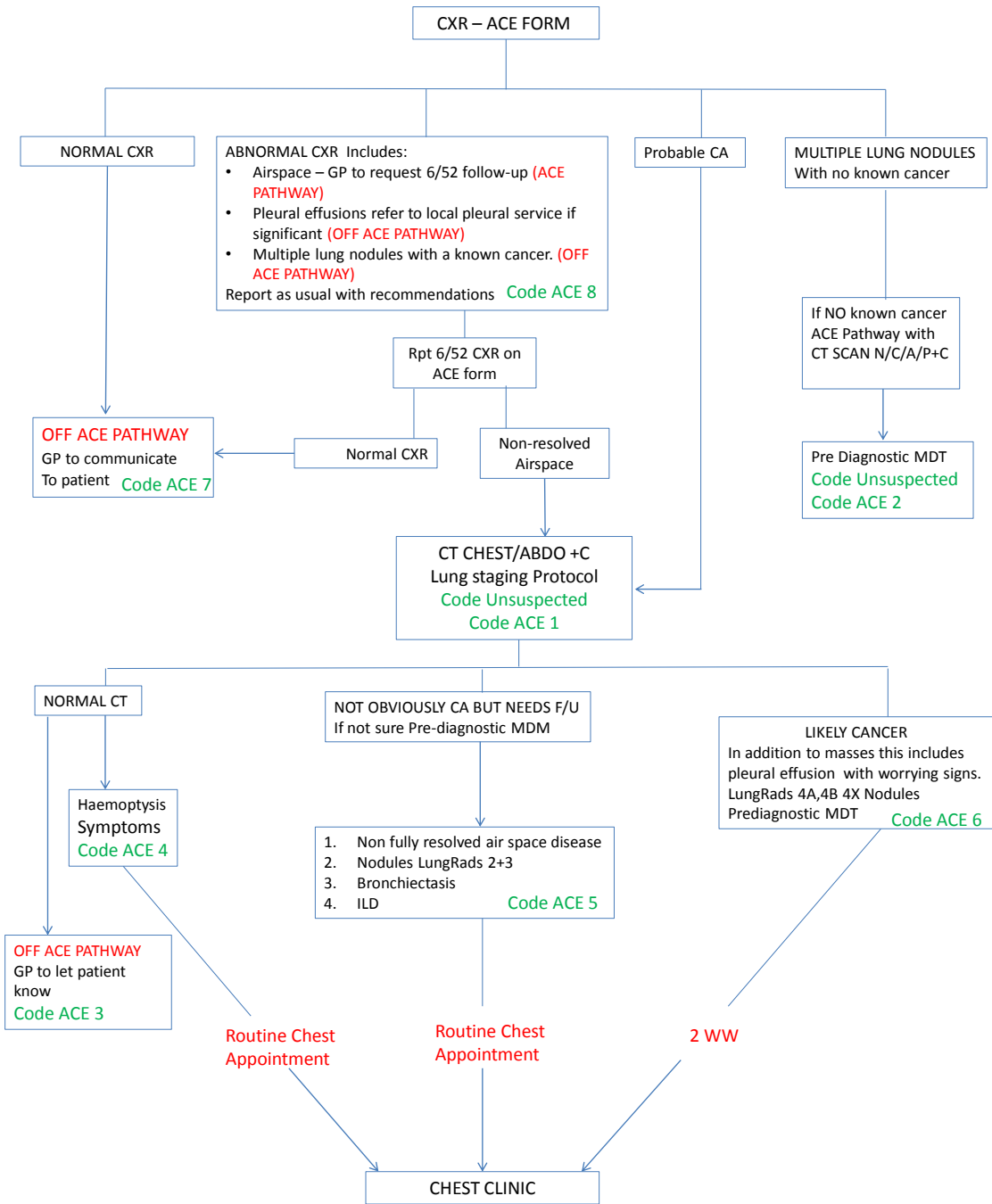


Radiology Decision Support Pathway

- See Radiology Decision Support Codes for descriptions



Code ACE is a means of communication with the GP'S

Radiology Decision Support Codes

- Code ACE 1** This patient has been referred under the ACE pathway. We will therefore offer the patient an appointment for a renal function check and CT scan of the Chest and Abdomen within the next 7 days.
Please organise a 2 week wait referral to the chest clinic
******* CRITICAL, URGENT OR SIGNIFICANT UNSUSPECTED FINDINGS *******
******* A copy of this report will be sent to the referrer *******
- Code ACE 2** This patient has been referred under the ACE pathway. We will therefore offer the patient an appointment for a renal function check and CT scan of the Neck, Chest, Abdomen and Pelvis within the next 7 days.
Please organise a 2 week wait referral to the chest clinic.
******* CRITICAL, URGENT OR SIGNIFICANT UNSUSPECTED FINDINGS *******
******* A copy of this report will be sent to the referrer *******
- Code ACE 3** This patient had a CT scan under the ACE pathway. As the CT scan is normal, and you did not notify us of any history of haemoptysis, we have not arranged to review the patient in the Chest Clinic.
Please communicate the CT scan findings to the patient as per the pathway agreement.
- Code ACE 4** This patient had a CT scan under the ACE pathway. The CT scan is normal. However as you notified us of a history of haemoptysis, we have arranged to review the patient in the next available routine Chest OPD slot. We will contact the patient and arrange this.
- Code ACE 5** This patient had a CT scan under the ACE pathway. As this CT scan shows an abnormality that needs further review/follow-up, but is not probable cancer, we will arrange for the patient to be seen routinely in the Chest clinic in the next few weeks, as per our pathway agreement.
- Code ACE 6** This patient was referred under the ACE pathway. As the CT scan shows an abnormality that is suspicious for cancer, we will arrange for the patient to be seen within 2 weeks in the Chest Clinic.
- Code ACE 7** This patient had a CXR under the ACE pathway. The current CXR does not show any significant abnormality. We have NOT arranged any further follow-up as per our pathway agreement. However if there remains strong clinical suspicion of cancer (eg unexplained haemoptysis in a patient >40 years) then 2 week wait referral may still be appropriate.
Please communicate the CXR findings to the patient as per the pathway agreement.
- Code ACE 8** This patient has been referred under the ACE pathway.
Please communicate the CXR findings to the patient as per the pathway agreement.