

**NICE suspected cancer pathway referral criteria for suspected malignant pleural mesothelioma<sup>7</sup>**

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Refer people using a suspected cancer pathway referral (for an appointment within 2 weeks) for mesothelioma if they have chest X-ray findings that suggest mesothelioma.

Offer an urgent chest X-ray to be performed within two weeks to assess for mesothelioma in patients aged 40 years and over if:

- 2 or more of the following unexplained symptoms are present or
- 1 or more of the following unexplained symptoms are present and the patient has ever smoked or
- 1 or more of the following unexplained symptoms are present and the patient has been exposed to asbestos

**Unexplained symptoms:**

Cough	Chest pain
Fatigue	Weight loss
Shortness of breath	Appetite loss

Consider an urgent chest X-ray to be performed within two weeks in patients aged 40 years and over where either:

- Finger clubbing or other signs compatible with pleural disease are present