

Table 2**Risk factors for LRTI/pneumonia**

Risk factors	Comments
Age	>65 years or <5 years
Chronic Illness	Cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease (e.g. COPD), diabetes, HIV/AIDS, neuromuscular disorders causing aspiration
Impaired immune response	Chemotherapy, other immunosuppressant medications
Smoking	Reduced ciliary motility
Alcohol abuse	Reduced gag reflex, risk of aspiration, immunosuppression
Influenza	Winter months, epidemics/pandemics
Upper respiratory tract infection	
Lung cancer	Always consider in smokers
Previously damaged lung	Scarred lung e.g. old TB