

Acute Cough

Follow-up Advice	Conditional referral: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refer to GP if cough persists beyond three weeks Consider supply but advise patient to make a GP appointment: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A dry cough in patients prescribed an ACE Inhibitor. Consider an Intervention MUR
Counselling Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A cough is commonly associated with an upper respiratory infection and is usually mild and self-limiting, often resolving in around two to three weeks• Re-inforce the messages about appropriate use of antibiotics• There is no good evidence for or against the effectiveness of cough preparations• Avoid smoking or smoky atmospheres. If a smoker - counsel or signpost to smoking cessation service• Maintain adequate fluid intake with a chesty cough