



'Red flags' and indicators of other diagnoses

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- Symptoms present from birth or perinatal lung problem
- Persistent non-variable breathlessness
- Persistent wet or productive cough or chronic sputum production
- Excessive vomiting or possetting
- Family history of unusual chest disease
- Failure to thrive
- Unexpected clinical findings (eg crackles, clubbing, cyanosis, cardiac disease, monophasic wheeze or stridor)
- Unexplained clinical findings (eg focal signs, abnormal voice or cry, dysphagia, inspiratory stridor)
- Nasal polyps
- Chest X-ray shadowing
- Marked blood eosinophilia