

# COUGH / HEMOPTYSIS / SPUTUM

<b>Introduce yourself , take permission</b>
<b>Patient profile</b> (name , age , occupation , marital status, address)
<b>Chief complaint + duration</b> (acute < 3 weeks , chronic > 8 weeks)
<b>HOPI: Analysis of the Chief Complaint (FCBCA + OPERATS)</b>
<b>Frequency</b> <b>Content</b> (dry or productive) <b>Bloody</b> (hematemesis ?!!) <b>Color/Consistency of sputum</b> <b>Amount (in cups)</b> <b>Onset</b> (sudden or gradual) <b>Previous Episodes</b> (first time) <b>Exacerbating, Relieving:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Rest over night</li> <li>b) Exercise/ Cold air</li> <li>c) Swallowing</li> <li>d) Pollens, Dust, fumes.</li> </ul> <b>Associated symptoms (finish the CC analysis then ask about them ↓)</b> <b>Timing (course, pattern):</b> Get worse or better with time? Constant/ Episodic with free interval (asthma) <b>Severity</b>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Associated symptoms</b></p> <b>I. Constitutional</b> Fever, weight loss, night sweat, loss of appetite. <b>II. CVS:</b> Chest pain, Orthopnea, PND, Ankle swelling, SOB, Palpitation, intermittent claudication. <b>III. RS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) Nasal congestion/ Sore throat.</li> <li>B) Change in voice/ swallowing.</li> <li>C) Cyanosis → PE.</li> <li>D) Wheeze → asthma or Foreign body aspiration.</li> </ul> <b>IV. GI</b> Nausea, vomiting, Heart burn, regurgitation, Abdominal pain → (GERD).
<b>Past medical and surgical:</b> Hx of respiratory and cardiac disease or other diseases, history of previous admission, history of blood transfusion, previous surgeries and trauma.
<b>Drug Hx</b> (what he is taking (ACEI, Aspirin , B blocker, inhaler ), any recent change , adherence to medications)
<b>Family Hx</b> asthma , atopy , hay fever , eczema ,TB, Lung cancer , CHF
<b>Social Hx:</b> Smoking history (# of pack years), Pets, ventilated house, alcohol, travel history, contact with sick people nor elderly people/ prisoners.
<b>Review of systems</b>

(DDX: All respiratory (OLD, RLD) and cardiac diseases, GERD, Side effect of drug)

**\*\*Investigations:**

1. CXR → Pneumonia, Pulmonary edema, Asthma, COPD
2. Spirometry → Asthma, COPD, RLD
3. CT-angiography And D-dimer → PE
4. CBC → Pneumonia
5. 24 Hour esophageal PH monitoring → GERD.

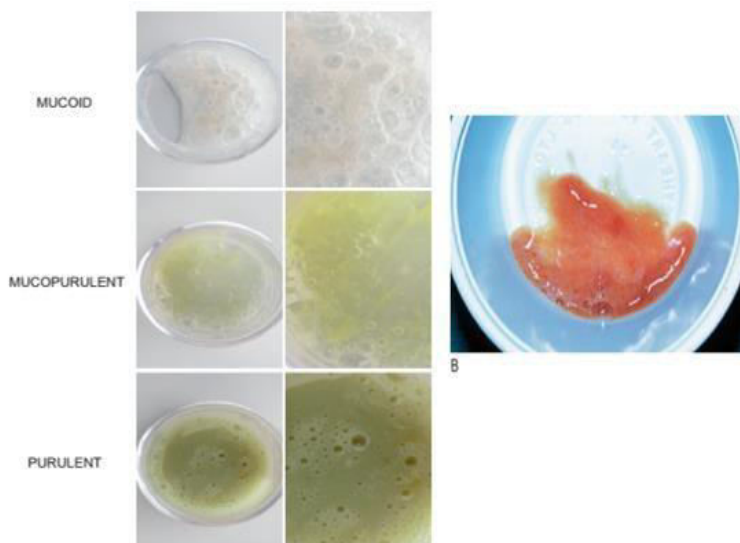
	Normal chest X-ray	Abnormal chest X-ray
<b>Acute cough</b> (<3 weeks)	Viral respiratory tract infection Bacterial infection (acute bronchitis) Inhaled foreign body Inhalation of irritant dusts/fumes	Pneumonia Inhaled foreign body Acute hypersensitivity pneumonitis
<b>Chronic cough</b> (>8 weeks)	Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease Asthma Postviral bronchial hyperreactivity Rhinitis/sinusitis Cigarette smoking Drugs, especially angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors Irritant dusts/fumes	Lung tumour Tuberculosis Interstitial lung disease Bronchiectasis

**1-Acute cough:**  
URTIs, Allergic Rhinitis, Pneumonia  
**2- Chronic cough:**  
Chronic bronchitis, Asthma, Postnasal drip

## Color

- **Clear (mucoid):** COPD/bronchiectasis without current infection/rhinitis.
- **Yellow (mucopurulent):** acute lower respiratory tract infection/asthma.
- **Green (purulent):** current infection – acute disease or exacerbation of chronic disease, such as COPD.
- **Red/brown (rusty):** pneumococcal pneumonia.  
Try to distinguish between rusty and frank red blood.
- **Pink (serous/frothy):** acute pulmonary edema.

In bronchiectasis, the color of sputum may be used to guide the need for antibiotic treatment.



**Color of sputum :**  
1-Rusty → S.pneumonia  
2 – Red Current jelly → Klebsiella  
3- frothy pink → P.edema  
4- Greenish → Pneumonia



## 7.4 Causes of haemoptysis

Tumour	
<b>Malignant</b>	<b>Benign</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lung cancer</li> <li>• Endobronchial metastases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bronchial carcinoid</li> </ul>
Infection	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bronchiectasis</li> <li>• Tuberculosis</li> <li>• Lung abscess</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mycetoma</li> <li>• Cystic fibrosis</li> </ul>
Vascular	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pulmonary infarction</li> <li>• Vasculitis</li> <li>• Polyangiitis</li> <li>• Trauma</li> <li>• Inhaled foreign body</li> <li>• Chest trauma</li> <li>• Cardiac</li> <li>• Mitral valve disease</li> <li>• Haematological</li> <li>• Blood dyscrasias</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arteriovenous malformation</li> <li>• Goodpasture's syndrome</li> <li>• Iatrogenic</li> <li>• Bronchoscopic biopsy</li> <li>• Transthoracic lung biopsy</li> <li>• Bronchoscopic diathermy</li> <li>• Acute left ventricular failure</li> <li>• Anticoagulation</li> </ul>

## Massive Haemoptysis:

more than 20ml/one time, OR more than 200ml/24hrs.

Larger volumes of hemoptysis suggest:

- **lung cancer** eroding a pulmonary vessel
- **bronchiectasis** (such as in cystic fibrosis)
- **Cavitary disease** (such as bleeding into an aspergilloma).
- **Pulmonary vasculitis**
- **Pulmonary arteriovenous malformation.**

hemoptysis (Frank blood / blood stained) → Pneumonia/ CA/ TB / PE