

Dr Gerald Barret
Armidale Rural Referral Hospital
Armidale NSW 2350

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Dear Dr Guppy,

Re: Mr Mark Green

I saw Mark in clinic again today. He underwent percutaneous core biopsy on the 29th of last month at Armidale Rural Referral Hospital with no complications.

Unfortunately, the histology was reported as malignant; the diagnosis is a squamous cell lung carcinoma in the superior sulcus of the right lung.

Mark will need a PET scan for further staging, however the CT neck, thorax, abdo was free from apparent metastases.

I have discussed with Mark his management options. If it appears his lung cancer is localised, pending PET results, he is a suitable candidate for surgery. His most recent pulmonary function tests indicate he would tolerate a pneumonectomy if required. He has no other cardiovascular co-morbidities that would preclude him from surgical management.

I have referred him to D. Smith, cardiothoracic surgeon in Newcastle. They have given him an expedited appointment, next week, to which he will take his PET results. I have also written a referral letter to the community social worker, Sally, for assistance with Mark's social and financial concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr Gerald Barret
Respiratory Physician