

Table 1. Allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis (ABPA)

Referral Guideline	Rationale	Evidence Type
Patients with suspected/proven asthma or cystic fibrosis who have pulmonary infiltrates and peripheral blood eosinophilia.	Allergen skin testing and in vitro tests, when correlated with history, can establish the diagnosis of ABPA. ¹	Diagnostic
Patients with known ABPA for management.	Allergist/immunologists are specifically trained to manage this disease ² , and outcomes of such management have been reported by allergist/immunologists. ³⁻⁵	Indirect outcome (ABPA management)

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