British Thoracic Society guideline for non-CF bronchiectasis

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The BTS non-cystic fibrosis (CF) bronchiectasis guideline1 is published as a supplement to this issue of the journal. It is a summary of the evidence to support the investigation and management of both children and adults with bronchiectasis. The guideline has been written with the help of multidisciplinary working groups that included adult and paediatric respiratory physicians, microbiologists, physiotherapists, specialist nurses, a general practitioner, immunologist, radiologist, thoracic surgeon and a patient with bronchiectasis.

The guideline has been divided into sections that relate to all aspects of investigation and management. Headings are often in the form of a question that the authors hope will relate to day-to-day clinical practice. Sections 2 and 3 highlight the importance of, first, looking for an underlying cause in patients with bronchiectasis and, second, who and how to investigate such patients. Integration of services with other clinical teams such as adult and paediatric respiratory physicians, microbiologists, physiotherapists, specialist nurses, a general practitioner, immunologist, radiologist, thoracic surgeon and a patient with bronchiectasis.

One of the biggest challenges for the management of patients with bronchiectasis, in particular the integration of delivery between primary and secondary care, safe and cost-effective use of antibiotics and other resources and directing patients in becoming involved in their own care, where far less work has been done than in other respiratory disorders such as asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. The best advocates for high quality care will be the continued interest and determination of the health professionals working in the field and the patients themselves.

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