

Peer Review

Chakravorty T, Chakravorty I. Chronic cough – An approach to diagnosis and management. The Physician 2020; vol 6 (issue 1) Epub 19.01.2020

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- This is a good article on cough and describes the definitions, aetiology and management of cough
- It would have been helpful to describe the various phenotypes of cough including that secondary to nicotine use
- The BTS guidance in 2006 by Morice et al is worth referencing as is the ACCP guidance Pratter et al 2006
- The latest guidance is from the ERS and is well worth referencing - Morice AH, Millqvist E, Bieksiene K, et al. ERS guidelines on the diagnosis and treatment of chronic cough in adults and children. Eur Respir J 2019; in press (<https://doi.org/10.1183/13993003.01136-2019>)
- CT scanning for chronic cough in the absence of red flags needs to be considered carefully given the risk of radiation
- The role of low dose morphine in chronic cough could have been explored in more detail - See reference Shekly et al 2017