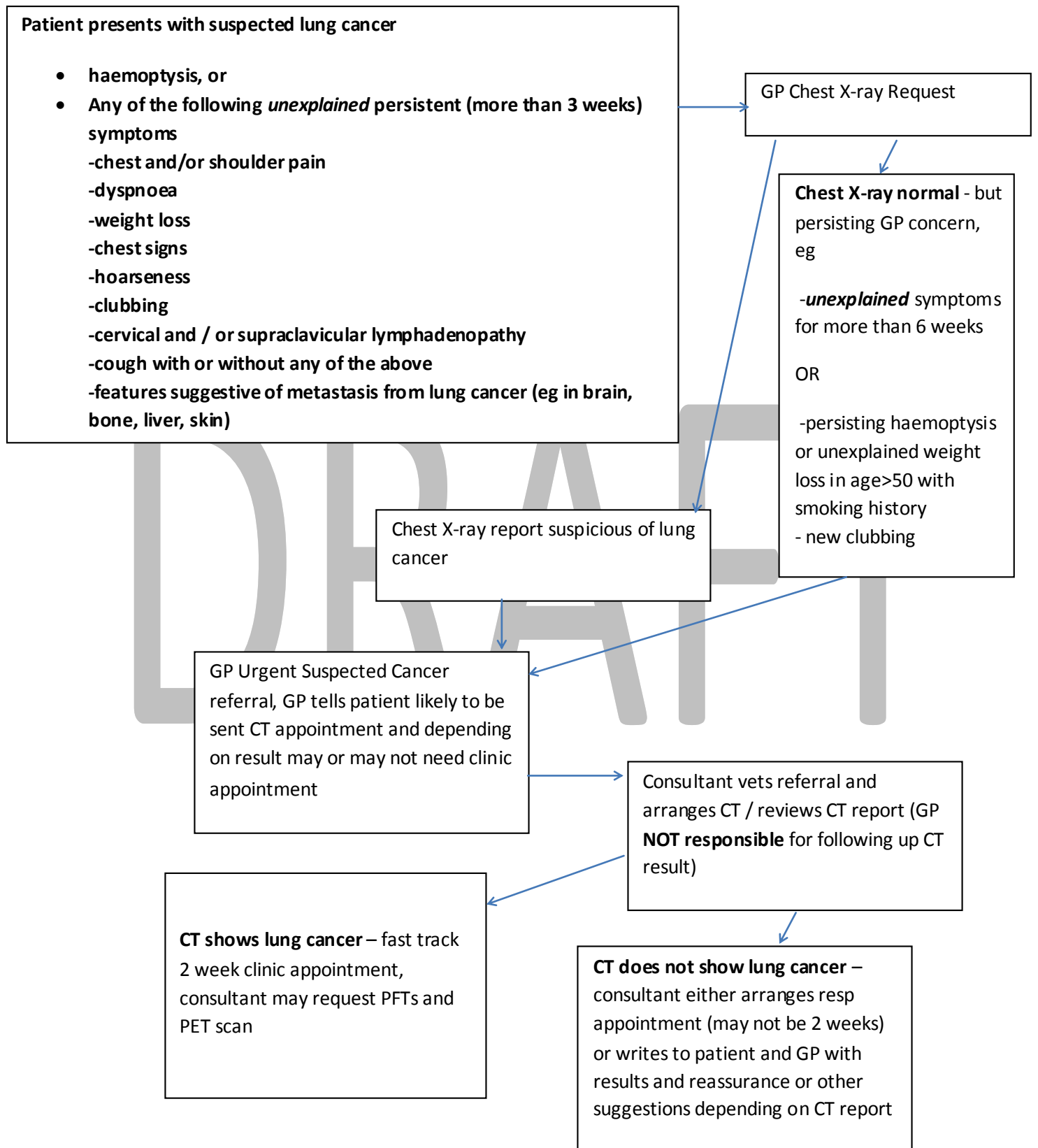


GGC pathway for GP Urgent Suspected Lung Cancer Referrals – Flow chart and explanation



To try and improve the journey for patients referred with suspicion of Lung Cancer we have received funding to undertake a pilot scheme of a virtual clinic. As per above flowchart, all patients referred as USOC who do not have an obvious cancer seen on chest X-ray will have urgent CT requested and history and CT images will be reviewed in the virtual clinic. At the virtual clinic, if a lung tumour is found on CT, the patient will be assigned to the next available fast track slot to enable rapid clinic review (within 7 days). If the CT scan does not show a lung cancer, a letter will be written and approved to the GP and patient the same day with the result. If the patient has symptoms or an alternative diagnosis on CT scan, the patient will be reviewed by the lung cancer service, the diagnosis discussed and an appropriate management plan put in place. If the referral is solely based on an abnormality seen on CXR and there is no abnormality seen on CT, the patient will be informed and discharged to the care of their GP. This will suit some, but not all patients and if a patient wishes a clinic review to discuss their results we will facilitate this.