

Cough Causes

Adapted from A Pharmacist's Guide to Differentiating Cough

By Brooke Fidler, PharmD

Acute cough	Common cold
	Acute bronchitis
	Allergic rhinitis
Subacute	Community-acquired pneumonia
	Postinfectious
	Pertussis
Chronic	Upper airway cough syndrome
	Asthma
	Nonasthmatic eosinophilic bronchitis
	Gastroesophageal reflux disease
	Chronic bronchitis/COPD
	Bronchiectasis
	Bronchiolitis and other nonbronchiectatic suppurative airway disease
	Occupational and environmental factors
	Drug-induced cough
	TB
	Interstitial lung disease
	Lung cancer
	Aspiration
	Cardiac causes
	Psychogenic, habit, and tic cough
Special groups	Uncommon causes
	Unexplained (refractory) chronic cough
	Pediatric age group
	Immunocompromised host
	Athletes
	The elderly

References:

- Chest 2014