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Requested:

1. The information I'm after is any guidelines / policies / procedures or similar documents that staff would follow, relating to the treatment of acalculous cholecystitis (infection without gallstones).
2. If the guideline differs for calculous cholecystitis (with gallstones), could I also have those please. Otherwise a note to say they are the same would be helpful.
3. Similarly I would be interested in guidelines referring to the process of treatment for chest infections in particular Aspergillus.
4. Finally are there any guidelines relating to when and how staff should escalate symptoms (outside of their remit) to another health professional, department or specialist.

If possible I would like versions of guidelines that were in place in November and December 2024.

Response:

1. & 2. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not hold the information requested. However, the UHB refers to the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidelines provided below:

[Gallstone disease: diagnosis and initial management Overview | Gallstone disease | Quality standards | NICE](#)
[References | Cholecystitis - acute | CKS | NICE](#)

Additionally, the following guidance is referred to:

[Tokyo Guidelines 2018: diagnostic criteria and severity grading of acute cholecystitis \(with videos\)](#).
[Acute-Gallstones-Pathway-Final-Sept-2015.pdf](#)

Please note: the links provided above are to guidance only and are not prescriptive protocols; management is individualised to each patient, taking account of available resources and local practice.

3. The UHB does not hold the information requested. However, the UHB can confirm that it refers to the British Thoracic Society (BTS) best practice clinical statement for the treatment of Aspergillus-related chronic lung disease. A link to the statement has been provided below.

<https://www.brit-thoracic.org.uk/quality-improvement/clinical-statements/aspergillus-related-chronic-lung-disease/>

4. The UHB does not hold the information requested. However, there is always an on-call Consultant General Surgeon available for discussing any queries or concerns raised by the medical team or other health care professionals, if and when needed.