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The causes of lung abscess are shown in Table 60.8 . The chest radiograph shows a cavity with a fluid level or in mycetoma a fungal ball. Most acute abscesses resolve with appropriate antibiotic therapy and postural drainage. Surgery is avoided. Small radiologically sited drains are used sometimes in the intensive care unit.

Specific pneumonia Streptococcal Staphylococcal Pneumococcal Klebsiella spp. Anaerobic  
Bronchial obstruction Carcinoma Carcinoid Foreign body Postoperative atelectasis Chronic  
respiratory sepsis Sinusitis Tonsillitis Dental infection Septicaemia Penetrating lung injury

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