

Learning Objectives:

By the end of the CBL, students will be able to

1. Define Lymphadenopathy
2. Identify different causes of lymphadenopathy
3. Describe the mechanism of lymphadenopathy
4. Explain different types of lymphnodes

CBL. SCENARIO

A 28-year – old woman is referred to the medical OPD with complaints of enlarging lump on the left side of neck and low grade fever for 2 months and is extremely anxious about what might be wrong. There is no previous history of note and she takes no regular medications.

She denies any previous upper respiratory tract infection and has no oropharyngeal symptoms of note. She does, however, admit to 2 weeks of exertional breathlessness and has noticed a weight loss of 3 Kg over the last 1 month.



On examination patient looks pale and has temperature of 100F. Examination of scalp, ears and oropharynx is normal. There is a 3x3 cm left cervical chain lymph node, non tender, matted, firm in consistency. No convincing lymphadenopathy in either axilla. Examination of abdomen reveals no enlargement of liver or spleen. Chest exam is unremarkable.