

# CHRONIC LUNG SICKNESS

## Wet Cough that can lead to Bronchiectasis

Chronic Lung Sickness is a **bad lung sickness** that lots of Aboriginal children have. The breathing tubes get damaged and stop working properly. Your child may have a **wet sounding cough** which stays for four or more weeks.

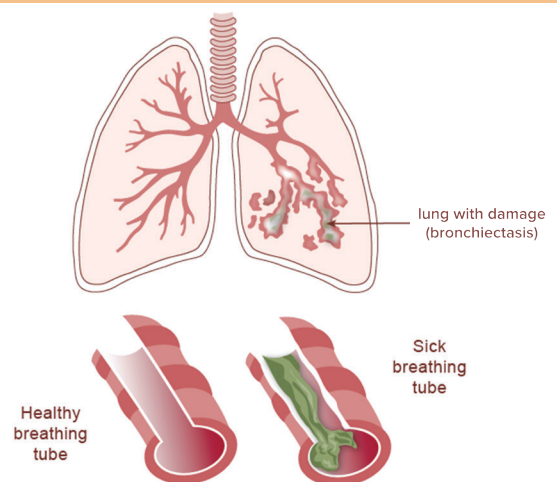
### THE LUNGS

- The lungs look like an upside down tree.
- The tree trunk is like the windpipe (**trachea**).
- The 2 big branches are like the 2 main breathing tubes (**bronchi**).
- The smaller branches are like the smaller breathing tubes (**bronchioles**).
- The leaves are like the tiny air sacs (**alveoli**).



### WHAT HAPPENS INSIDE THE LUNGS?

- The breathing tubes get damaged when the phlegm (**goon-gudd**) gets infected.
- Damaged airways causes lots more phlegm (**goon-gudd**) inside the breathing tubes.
- Sometimes it is hard to get rid of the phlegm (**goon-gudd**) and children cough a lot.



If your child has a **wet cough for more than four weeks**, bring them to clinic quick!

The health staff can check and help stop the coughing.

Your child might need some antibiotic medicine for the cough.