

Urinary Tract Infection

SUSPECTED URINARY TRACT INFECTION

NO indwelling catheter:

» Acute dysuria

OR

»	Fever (oral >37.9°C [100°F] or 1.5°C [2.4°F] increase above baseline temperature) and at least one of the following:
	New or worsening:
	☐ Urgency
	☐ Frequency
	☐ Suprapubic pain
	☐ Gross hematuria
	Costovertebral angle tenderness
	☐ Urinary incontinence
W	ITH indwelling catheter (Foley or suprapubic):
>>	At least one of the following:
	☐ Fever (oral >37.9°C [100°F] or 1.5°C [2.4°F] increase above baseline temperature)
	☐ New costovertebral tenderness
	Rigors
	☐ New onset of delirium
	☐ Acute hematuria
	Malaise or lethargy with no other cause
•	Foul smelling or cloudy urine is not a valid indication for initiating antibiotics.

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Asymptomatic bacteriuria should not be treated with antibiotics.

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TREATMENT

Clinical Presentation	Risk factors	Preferred therapy	Alternative
Acute simple cystitis	No history of urinary multi-drug resistant organism isolated within last 6 months	Nitrofurantoin PO 100mg BID X 5 days (CrCl > 30 ml/min only) OR TMP-SMX* PO DS 1 tab BID X 3 days OR Fosfomycin PO 3g X 1 dose	Cefpodoxime* PO 100mg BID X 5 to 7 days
	History of urinary multi-drug resistant organism isolated within last 6 months	Obtain urinalysis with urine culture Use previous cultures within last 6 months to guide empiric therapy	
Uncomplicated acute pyelonephritis • Fever, chills or other systemic illness • Flank pain • CVA tenderness	Obtain urinalysis with urine culture to tailor therapy	TMP-SMX* PO DS 1 tab BID Directed therapy duration: • Beta-lactam or TMP-SMX 10-14 days • Fluoroquinolone: 5-7 days	Cefpodoxime* 100mg PO BID
 Complicated UTI CAUTI Presence of ureteral stent Neurogenic bladder or functional abnormalities Structural abnormalities such as obstruction 	Obtain urinalysis with urine culture If foley present, change prior to obtaining urine specimen	Ceftriaxone IV 1 g daily OR Cefpdodoxime* PO 100 mg BID Recent IV antibiotic use: Cefepime IV 1 g q 12 daily Directed therapy duration: Lower tract CAUTI in women ≤ 65 years if catheter is removed: 3 days Prompt resolution of symptoms: 7 days Delayed response, obstruction or other urologic abnormality: 10-14 days If severe (i.e. hypotension and fever): Transfer to the ED for further evaluation	TMP-SMX* PO DS 1 tab BID

^{*}Renal adjustment required

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