

# Management of Older Adults with Symptoms or Signs of URINARY TRACT INFECTION (UTI)

REPORT

## Report Symptoms/Signs of SUSPECTED INFECTION to Registered Nurse

- Decline in functional status (new or increasing confusion, incontinence, falling, deteriorating mobility, reduce food intake or failure to cooperate with staff)

ASSESS

### No indwelling catheter

- Acute dysuria OR
- Temperature greater than 38°C or 1.1°C above baseline temperature
- PLUS**
- New or increased urinary frequency, urgency, incontinence
- New flank or suprapubic pain or tenderness
- Hematuria

### Indwelling catheter

- No other identifiable cause of infection AND
- 1 or more of the following:
- Temp greater than 38°C or 1.1°C above baseline
- PLUS**
- New flank or suprapubic pain or tenderness
- Rigors
- New onset of delirium

YES

Obtain urine culture

Results of urine culture?

Greater than 10<sup>5</sup> CFU/mL (positive) or pending

Negative (no growth or mixed)

Do not treat for UTI

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### Does the Resident Meet the Following Criteria for Treatment On-site in the LTC Home?

- Able to eat and drink
- Pulse ≤ 100/min
- Respiratory rate less than 30/min
- Systolic blood pressure ≥ 90 mmHg
- Oxygen saturation ≥ 92%

YES

NO

TREAT

### Treatment On-site in the LTC Home

- Ensure treatment decisions are aligned with the resident's goals of care
- Administer antibiotics (Stop if urine culture is negative or no pyuria is present)
- Consider parenteral therapy if oral therapy contraindicated
- Consider hypodermoclysis/IV fluids for dehydration (e.g., oral intake less than 1L/day)
- Transfer to hospital if no longer meets criteria for LTC home treatment

### Transfer to Hospital

- Transfer back to LTC home when criteria for on-site treatment in the LTC home are met

## PRESCRIBER INFORMATION

Initiate antibiotic therapy:

### First line

Trimethoprim/ sulfamethoxazole 2 tabs oral BID or 1 Double Strength oral BID

Trimethoprim 100mg oral BID or 200mg oral once daily

Macrobid 100mg oral BID (for females) or Nitrofurantoin (for lower UTI only) 50-100mg oral QID

Source: Anti-infective Review Panel. Anti-infective guidelines for community-acquired infections. MUMS Guideline Clearinghouse; 2013. Mehnert-Kay SA. Am Fam Physician. 2005 Aug 1;72(3):451-6. CPhA Monograph, November 2011. European Association of Urology 2015 Guidelines on Urological Infections; Available at: [www.uroweb.org](http://www.uroweb.org).

### Second line

Ciprofloxacin 250mg oral BID or 500mg (extended release) oral once daily

Levofloxacin 250mg oral once daily

Amoxicillin/Clavulanate 500mg oral TID or 875mg oral BID

Note: Amoxicillin may be used for susceptible organisms but resistance is approx. 40%. Resistance rate to nitrofurantoin in Canada is 21% in LTCs, although it is low (6-8%) in other clinical settings. Cephalexin can also be used for susceptible strains. Nitrofurantoin is contraindicated in patients with ClCr <60 mL/minute.