



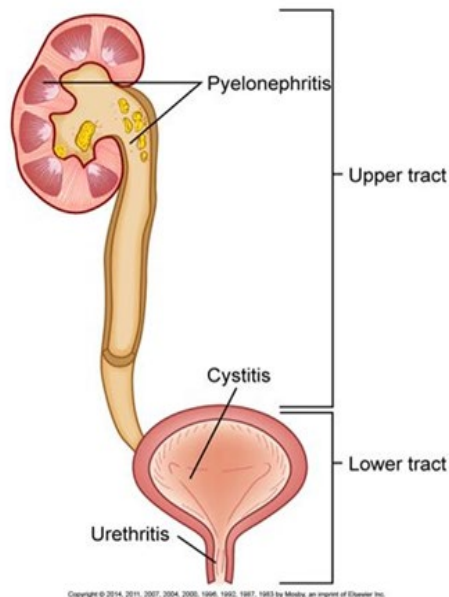
# Don't Just Give 'em Antibiotics! A Simple Way to Diagnose and Treat UTI's

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# • What is a UTI?

## Classification of UTI



## Pathophysiology

- 3 routes
  - Ascending due to inoculation of urethra with bowel flora
  - Hematogenous spread from kidney
  - Lymphatic spread
- Uncommon pathogens more likely in special populations
  - Diabetes, structural abnormalities, indwelling catheter

# • Epidemiology

- Most common organism:
  - E. coli (75-95% of cases)
  - Klebsiella and proteus
- Incidence:
  - 7 million physician visits **annually**
- Prevalence:
  - F>M
    - Attributed to shorter distance from urethra to anus
    - Females: 53 per 100 lifetime prevalence
    - Males: 14 per 100 lifetime prevalence

# ● Risk Factors

- Female
  - Sexual intercourse
  - History of UTI
  - Use of spermicides, diaphragms, and spermicides
- Comorbidities
  - Diabetes
  - Structural abnormalities

# ● Diagnosis of UTI

- History
  - Dysuria, frequency, hematuria (gross/microscopic), AMS in elderly
- Physical
  - +/- flank pain, suprapubic pain
- UA findings suggestive of UTI
  - (+) Leukocyte esterase
  - (+) nitrites
  - (+) bacteria
- Definitive diagnosis requires **urine culture**
  - > 100K colonies/mL on urine culture is considered diagnostic for UTI

Table 1. Urinalysis Results

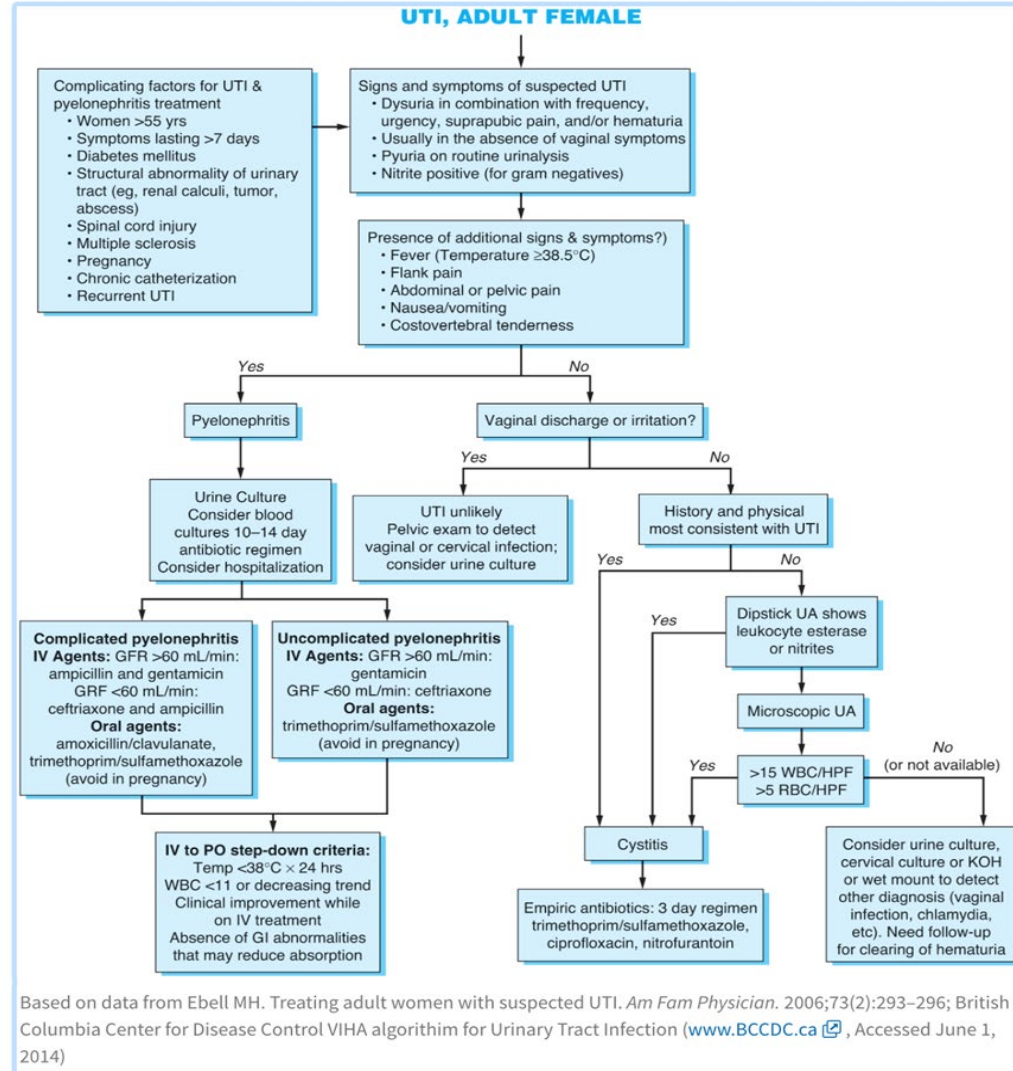
Test	Usual Range	Indicators of Infection	Accuracy
Bacteria	Absent	Any amount	Low sensitivity, <sup>a</sup> high specificity <sup>b</sup>
Leukocyte esterase	Absent	Positive = pyuria, presence of WBCs in urine	High sensitivity, low specificity
WBC	<5	Pyuria: WBC >10	High sensitivity, low specificity
Nitrite	Absent	Positive = presence of bacteria that reduce nitrate	Low sensitivity, high specificity
RBC	<5	Hematuria common in infection	Low sensitivity, high specificity
Epithelial cells	<5	<5 = good urine sample	High epithelial cells indicate contamination with skin flora
pH	4.5-8	pH ↑ if urea-splitting organism (e.g., <i>Proteus mirabilis</i> ) is present	Low specificity (there are many other causes of alkaline urine)

<sup>a</sup> Sensitivity = likelihood of positive test when disease is present.

<sup>b</sup> Specificity = likelihood of negative test when disease is not present.

Source: Reference 1.

# Female UTI Algorithm



# ● Complicated vs. Uncomplicated

- Uncomplicated UTI
  - Females
- Complicated UTI
  - Immunosuppressed
  - Pregnant
  - SCI
  - Male
  - Pediatric
  - Chronic foley catheter, ureteral stent
  - Urinary tract structural abnormalities
  - Stones
  - Renal insufficiency

## What puts you at risk

People of any age can get UTIs



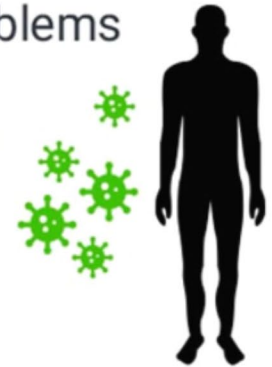
More women get UTIs than men



Need a tube to drain their bladder (catheter)



Diabetes or problems with the body's natural defense system



Urinary tract abnormalities that block the flow of urine

Spinal cord injuries or other nerve damage



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# Dysuria: How to know it's a true infection

## Bacterial Cystitis

- Symptoms:
  - Fever
  - Chills
  - Flank pain
- Positive UA and positive UCX

## Non-bacterial/Interstitial cystitis (IC)

- Symptoms:
  - Pelvic pain
  - Dysuria
  - Frequency, urgency
- Associated with stress or dietary changes
- Negative UA and negative UCX



# • Male UTI

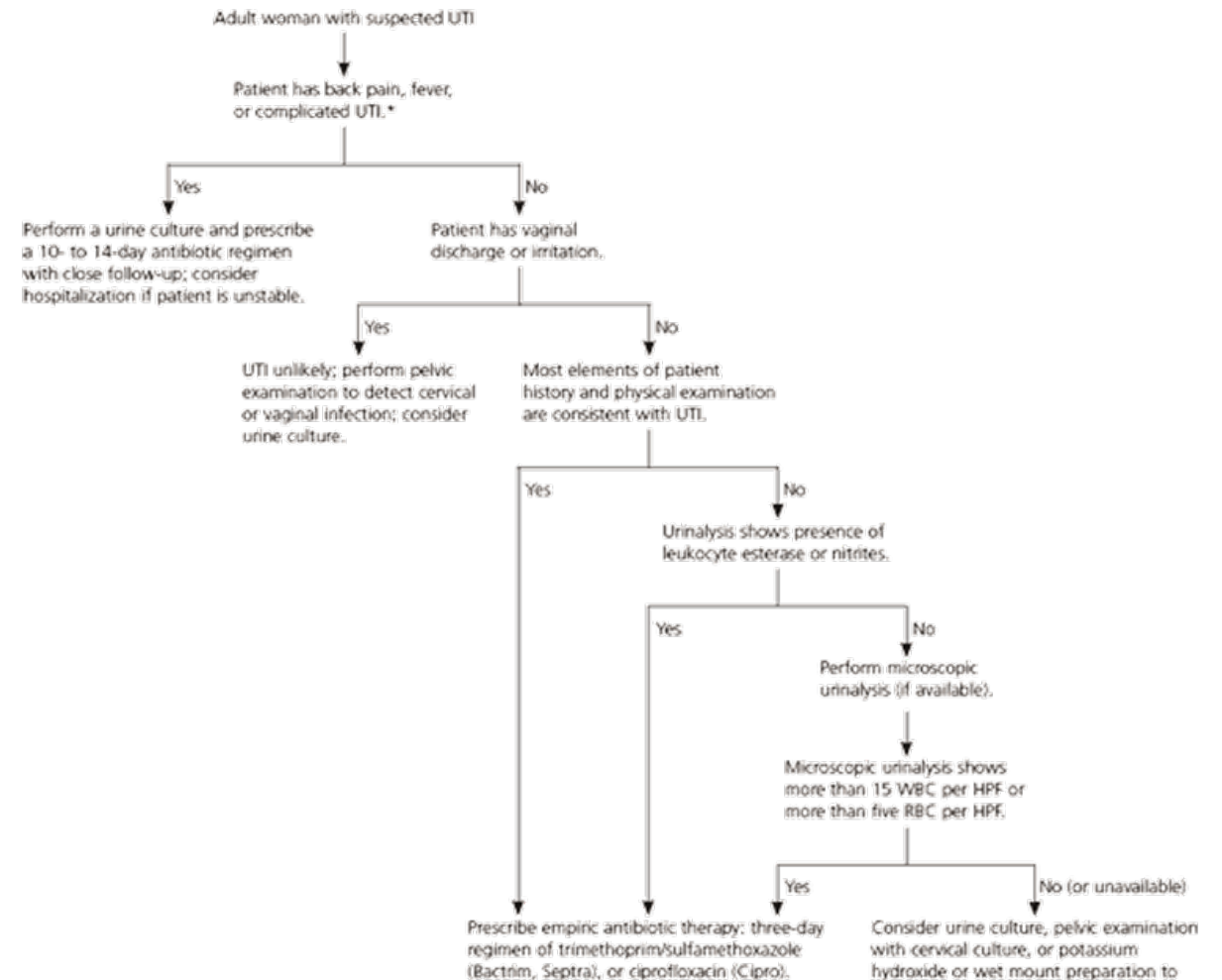
- Always requires a workup
- Risk factors:
  - BPH
  - Prostatitis
  - Neurogenic bladder
  - Kidney/bladder stones
- Uncircumcised could lead to false positive UA dipstick
  - Always get clean catch AND culture if high level of suspicion for UTI

# ● Recurrent UTI

- $\geq 2$  infections in 6 months OR  $\geq 3$  in 1 year
- Workup
  - CT A/P to rule out anatomic abnormalities or stones
  - Pelvic exam for females
  - Cystoscopy
  - Urine culture
- Treatments
  - Post-coital antibiotics
  - Low dose daily suppression
  - Vaginal estrogen creams (postmenopausal women)
  - Hydration
  - Frequent voiding

# When to prescribe antibiotics

- Patient with signs and symptoms of UTI
- Positive UA dipstick and/or urine culture
- Patients with other comorbidities



# Antibiotic Stewardship

- Antibiotic resistance is widely increasing across the board

Condition	Epidemiology	Diagnosis	Management
Acute uncomplicated cystitis <sup>10,11</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cystitis is among the most common infections in women and is usually caused by <i>E. coli</i>.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Classic symptoms include dysuria, frequent voiding of small volumes, and urinary urgency. Hematuria and suprapubic discomfort are less common.</li><li>• Nitrites and leukocyte esterase are the most accurate indicators of acute uncomplicated cystitis</li></ul>	<p>For acute uncomplicated cystitis in healthy adult non-pregnant, premenopausal women:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nitrofurantoin, trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole (TMP-SMX, where local resistance is &lt;20%), and fosfomycin are appropriate first-line agents.</li><li>• Fluoroquinolones (e.g. ciprofloxacin) should be reserved for situations in which other agents are not appropriate.</li></ul>

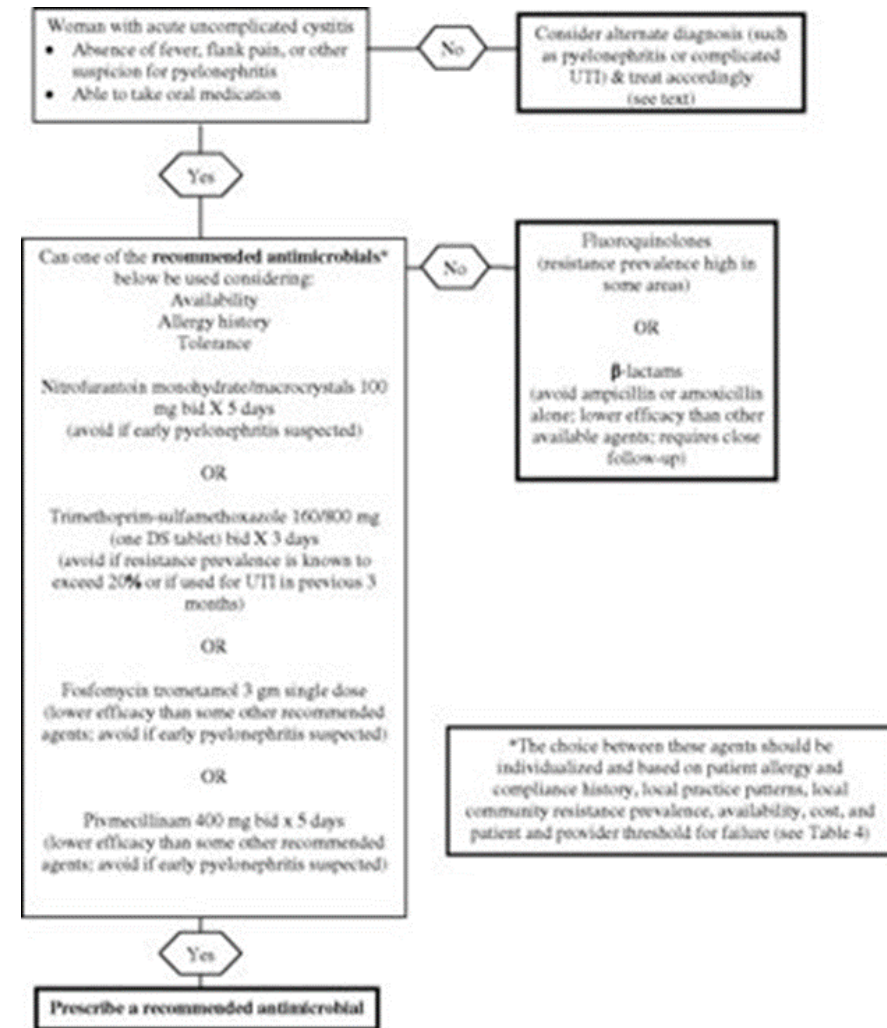
# • Multidrug Resistant UTI



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* CEFEPIME		S
* CEFOTAXIME		R
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CEFTRIAZONE		R
GENTAMICIN		S
LEVOFLOXACIN		R
* PIPERACILLIN		S
TOBRAMYCIN		S
* PIPERACIL/TAZOB		S
TICARCILLIN-NON		R

# ● Empiric Therapy

- Empiric therapy in patients not at risk for MDR organisms
  - Nitrofurantoin (Macrobid)
  - TMP-SMZ (Bactrim)
  - Fosfomycin
- Empiric therapy in patients at risk for MDR organisms
  - Fluoroquinolones (ie. Cipro, Levaquin)
  - Broad spectrum beta-lactams (ie. Third or later cephalosporins)
- Culture directed therapy



# ● Prevention is Key

## **Conclusive**

- Hygiene
- Hydration
- Sterile technique during catheterization
- Avoiding overtreatment of asymptomatic pyuria or bacteruria
- Void after intercourse

## **Nonconclusive**

- Avoid douching, tampons, IUDs
- Cranberry supplements

# • What Constitutes Referral?

- Complicated UTI
- Obstructing kidney stones
- Recurrent Complicated UTI
- Relapsing infection
- Gross hematuria
- Interstitial (non-bacterial) cystitis



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# Resources

- The 5-minute urology consult (Gomella et.al)
- Pocket guide to urology (Wieder)
- CDC
- Uptodate (<https://www.uptodate.com/contents/acute-simple-cystitis-in-women>)
- <https://www.auanet.org/education/aunauniversity/for-medical-students/medical-student-curriculum/adult-uti>