

Bring Out the Bug Juice: Antibiotics in Urology

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● Historical Perspective

- 19th century pre-antibiotics
 - Strict bedrest, bloodletting, purging and tonics
 - Tincture of opium and if not improved arsenic and strychnine pills
 - Jean Casimir Felix Guyon
- 1928 –Fleming discovers PCN
- 1943-commercial PCN
 - Already staph resistance
 - 1980's-ESBL
 - 1996-North Carolina-CRE



• Urinary Tract Infections

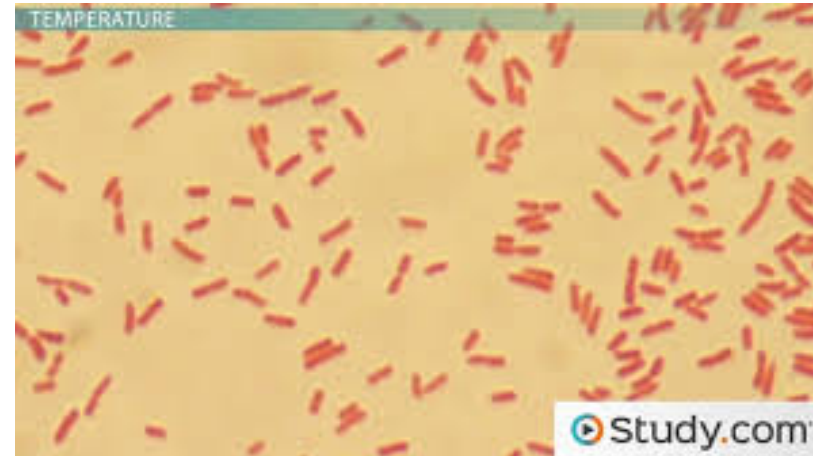
- Most common human bacterial infection
 - 10 million office visits per year
 - 200,000 hospitalizations per year
 - \$\$\$ healthcare dollars 3.5 billion/year
 - 20% women >60 and 50% >70 have UTI
 - 5-20% go onto recurrent UTI's
 - 50% women lifetime and 12% men
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- Foxman et al, AM J Med 2002 July 8,113 Suppl 1A5s-13s

• Classification of UTIs

- Uncomplicated
 - Healthy patient
 - Normal functional/anatomic urinary tract
- Complicated
 - Obstruction/VUR, conduits/recent GU surgery
 - DM, immunosuppression, SCD, SCI, Renal failure, MALE, pregnancy
- Catheter-Associated (CAUTI)
- Asymptomatic bacteriuria (ABU)

• Diagnosis

- HPI
 - Better history takers
 - Acute vs. Chronic symptoms
 - Symptoms of concern
- PE
- Lab testing
 - UA
 - Dipstick
 - Microscopy
 - Urine culture
 - STD testing*



• Premenopausal vs. Postmenopausal

- Premenopausal

- 90% probability of a UTI with dysuria, frequency, and urgency and no vaginal discharge
- Negative culture
- Think STI
- Painful bladder
- PID
- Stones
- Atypical infections
- Neoplasms

- Postmenopausal

- Dysuria with LUTS
- Acute symptoms
- Inappropriate
 - Odor
 - Appearance
 - OAB symptoms

• Urinalysis

- UA

- Leukocyte esterase

- Sensitivity 90%
 - Specificity 70%

- + Nitrites

- Sensitivity 35%
 - Specificity 90%

- Urine Microscopic

- Pyuria
 - Bacteria

- Urine culture

- Gold standard
 - If “contaminant” or multiple organisms, get a catheterized specimen

● Treatment

- First line agent
 - Bactrim DS x 3 days BID
 - Macrobid 100 5 days bid
 - Fosfomycin 3 grams x 1 day
- 2nd line agents
 - Fluroquinolones*
 - B lactams
- Use your local antibiogram
- E. coli sensitivities
 - Bactrim-65%
 - Cipro-65%
 - Macrobid 95%
- MDR organisms recommended to add Fosfomycin sensitivities

● Is longer treatment better?

- 2 systematic reviews
 - Compared short (3-6 days) vs long term (7-14 days)
 - No difference in short-term or long-term symptom persistence
 - No difference in short term bacteriological failure (>2 weeks)
- 3 day courses had decreased risk
 - Adverse events
 - Discontinuation of therapy due to adverse events
 - GI adverse events
- CONSENSUS—use as short as possible almost universally less than 7 days

● Asymptomatic Bacteriuria

- Evaluation and treatment should only be when symptoms are present
- Pathophysiology
- Challenging in elderly
- Highly studied
- Cai et al randomized trial of women (n=673, median 40 years of age) with a history of rUTIs and ASB found that antibiotic treatment (versus no antibiotics) was associated with an increased risk of symptomatic recurrence (47% versus 13%, RR 3.17, 95% 2.55 to 3.90) and development of antibiotic-resistant organisms.⁴⁰
- High risk patients no improvement in morbidity or mortality
- Only treat pregnant women and those undergoing urologic procedures

• Why Not Treat ASB?

- Asymptomatic bacteriuria (ABU) is a bacterial colonization, but not an infection that requires treatment.
- ABU is generally common in women affected by recurrent UTIs, especially after antibiotic treatment.
- ABU has a protective role in preventing symptomatic recurrences, particularly when *Enterococcus faecalis* has been isolated.
- ABU treatment is associated with a higher occurrence of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.
- ABU treatment in women with rUTIs is therefore potentially dangerous

Asymptomatic bacteriuria in recurrent UTI – to treat or not to treat

[Tommaso Cai](#)^{*,1} and [Riccardo Bartoletti](#)²

[GMS Infect Dis.](#) 2017; 5: Doc09.

Recurrent UTI

- 3 UTIs in 12 months or 2 within 6 months
 - Culture documented—catheterized sample when necessary
 - If uncomplicated not routinely recommended by SUFU/AUA guidelines
 - When do we evaluate?
 - Rapid recurrence of infection with poor symptomatic response
 - Complicated UTI
 - Upper tract symptoms
 - History or family history of stones
 - Prior pelvic surgery
 - Gross Hematuria +/- RF
- Initial evaluation
 - KUB/RBUS
 - CT for complex cases
 - Cysto?
 - PVR
- DON'T TREAT Asymptomatic Bacteriuria*
- Use antibiograms
- Usually treat less than 7 days (as short as possible)

● Risk Factors for Recurrent UTIs?

- Premenopausal
 - Sex
 - Spermicide/diaphragm
 - 1st UTI at a young age
 - Family history
 - Increasing parity
- Postmenopausal
 - Menopause
 - Family history

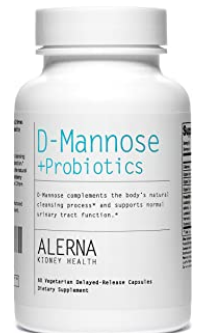
• Antibiotic/Non-Antibiotic Prophylaxis

Pharmacologic

- Daily
 - Nitrofurantion, Bactrim,
 - Baseline CXR/LFT's
 - Re-evaluation 6-12 months
- Self start
 - Give cup
 - Start after providing sample
- Post coital

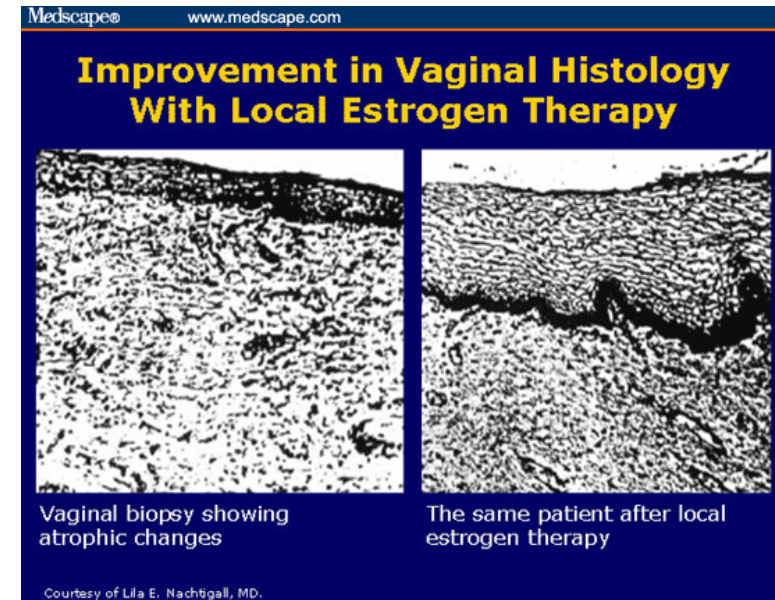
Non-pharmacologic

- Methenamine salts
- Cranberry*
- Probiotics
- D mannose
- Vaginal estrogen cream
- Hydration (1.5 liters)*
- Post-coital voiding



● Postmenopausal

- 4 different trials evaluated
- Reduced risk
 - Greater than 1 >UTI
 - Absolute number of annual utis
 - Antibiotics usage over year period
- Can be used in conjunction with oral HRT
- Can safely be used in women with a history of breast cancer



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Estrogen Formulations

TABLE 4 Commonly used vaginal estrogen therapy

Formulation	Composition	Strength and Dosage
Vaginal tablet	Estradiol hemihydrate*	10 mcg per day for 2 weeks, then 10 mcg 2–3 times weekly
Vaginal ring	17 β -estradiol	2 mg ring released 7.5 mcg per day for 3 months (changed by patient or provider)
Vaginal cream	17 β -estradiol	2 g daily for 2 weeks, then 1 g 2-3 times per week
	Conjugate equine estrogen	0.5 g daily for 2 weeks, then 0.5 g twice weekly



Antibiotic Resistance

• Antibiotic Resistance Infections

- More than 2 million patients yearly
- Over 23,000 deaths yearly
- How do we prevent?
- 25 million ER visits with UTI diagnosis, only 32% actually had urinary tract symptoms
- 2015 Presidential directive by Obama



ESBL UTI

- Antibiotics
 - If simple cystitis and resistant to all oral drugs, have the lab run Fosfomycin sensitivity and will often be sensitive
 - If pyelonephritis/complicated UTI, carbapenems are first line
 - If bacteremia get ID consult

How do we decrease antimicrobial resistance?

- DO NOT treat asymptomatic bacteriuria
- Use antibiotics for the shortest course possible typically 3-7 days
- Protocols in the hospital already in effect
- Change to more narrow antibiotics when appropriate



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