

DO I REALLY NEED TO TEST MY PATIENT FOR A UTI?

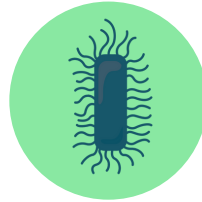
TREATING ASYMPTOMATIC BACTERIURIA HAS NO BENEFITS AND CAUSES HARM.*



Costs for Patients



Lengthened Hospital Stays



C. difficile Infections



Antibiotic Resistance

MY PATIENT IS SICK, AND I SUSPECT A UTI. SHOULD I SEND A UA?

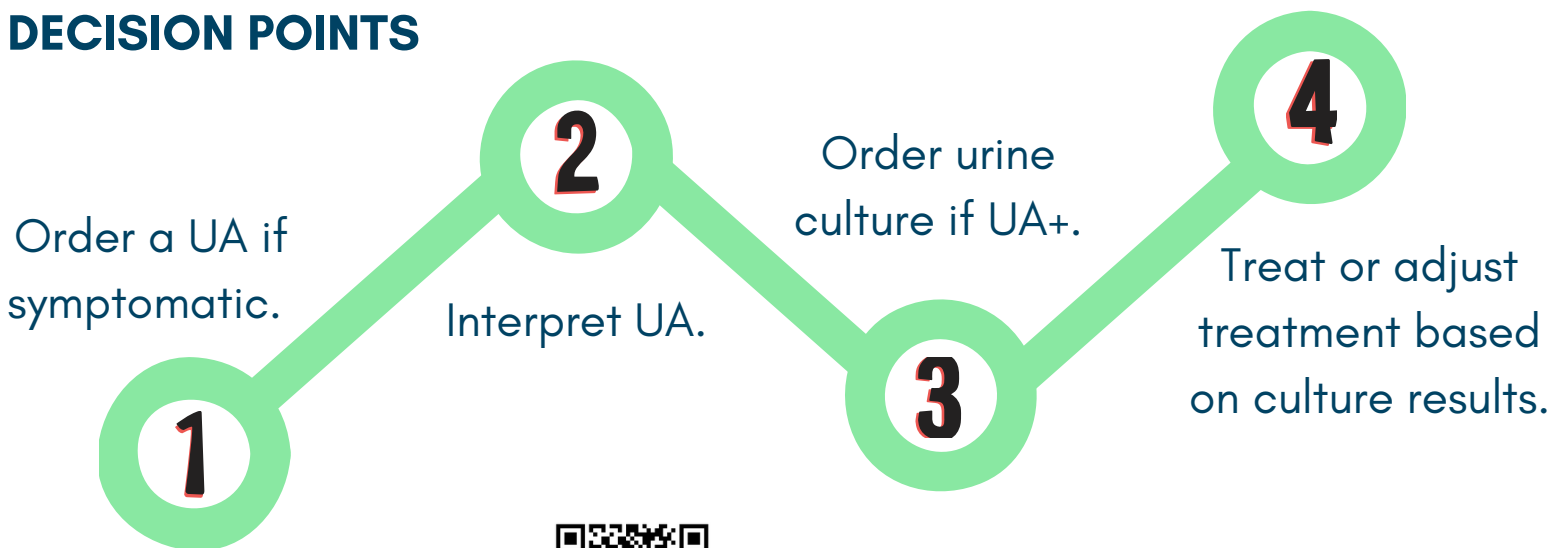
UA May Be Helpful When Patient Has

- ✓ Urinary frequency
- ✓ Burning or pain with urination
- ✓ Urgency
- ✓ New blood in urine

No UA Needed for

- ✗ Foul-smelling urine
- ✗ Urine color or cloudiness
- ✗ Altered mental status **alone** (sleepiness, confusion)
- ✗ Fever or leukocytosis **without urinary symptoms**

DECISION POINTS



Learn more: UNC Hospitals' UTI Management Guideline



*UTI Management Guidelines note the few exceptions where treatment of asymptomatic bacteriuria is indicated.