

## URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS (UTI)

**Asymptomatic bacteriuria** – positive urine culture in the absence of symptoms regardless of urinalysis results. Asymptomatic bacteriuria does **NOT** need to be treated unless the patient is pregnant or undergoing urologic instrumentation when bleeding is anticipated (e.g. TURP).

**Urinary tract infections (UTI)** – A positive urine culture in a patient with symptoms

**Uncomplicated UTI** – Cystitis or pyelonephritis which occurs in healthy, nonpregnant women with no functional or anatomic abnormalities of the urinary tract.

**Complicated UTI** – Associated with increased risk of treatment failure or complications:

- male gender
- pregnancy
- neurogenic bladder
- functional or structural abnormality of GU tract
- nephrolithiasis
- obstruction
- indwelling catheter
- unresolved or recurrent UTI
- nosocomial UTI

**Empiric Regimen:**

*Therapy should be streamlined once culture and sensitivity results are available*

**Uncomplicated Cystitis**

Preferred Regimens	Alternative Regimens	Usual Duration
Nitrofurantoin <sup>1,2</sup> (Macrobid) 100 mg po BID	Ciprofloxacin 500 mg po BID	Nitrofurantoin <sup>1,2</sup> : 5 days females or 7 days males
TMP/SMX <sup>3</sup> 1 DS po BID		TMP/SMX <sup>3</sup> or Ciprofloxacin: females 3 days; males 7 days

**Complicated Cystitis** (*factors to consider include age > 55 years, male, symptoms > 7 days, diabetes mellitus, structural abnormalities of urinary tract such as stricture and renal calculi, spinal cord injury or recurrent UTI*)

Preferred Regimens	Alternative Regimens	Usual Duration
TMP/SMX <sup>3</sup> 1 DS po BID OR Amoxicillin-clavulanate <sup>3</sup> 875/125mg BID OR 500/125mg TID	Ciprofloxacin <sup>3</sup> 500 mg po BID	7 days  Male: 7 – 14 days (unless recurrence or high suspicion for relevant prostatitis)  Structural abnormalities or catheterized: 7-14 days

**Pyelonephritis – should collect 2 sets of blood cultures before initiation of antibiotics**

<b>Preferred Regimens</b>	<b>Duration</b>
If IV is required: Ceftriaxone 1 g IV q24h OR Gentamicin <sup>3</sup> 5-7 mg/kg IV daily (based on Ideal Body Weight)	7-14 days Stepdown to oral therapy when appropriate  Male: 7 – 14 days (unless recurrence or high suspicion for relevant prostatitis)
Oral options (Empiric use is discouraged given HHS resistance rates): TMP/SMX <sup>3</sup> 1 DS po BID Ciprofloxacin <sup>3</sup> 500mg po BID	7 days of fluoroquinolone may be used for susceptible pathogens

**ESBL**

<b>Preferred Regimens</b>	<b>Duration</b>
<b>Cystitis</b>	
Fosfomycin <sup>4</sup> 3 gram sachet po x 1	One sachet only
<b>Pyelonephritis or systemically ill</b>	
Ertapenem <sup>3</sup> 1 g IV daily	10-14 days

**Footnotes:**

<sup>1</sup> UTI in males – quinolones or TMP/SMX are preferred due to high prostate concentrations; longer treatment durations are recommended (at least 14 days) Consider alternatives in first trimester or > 34 weeks

<sup>2</sup> Nitrofurantoin is not recommended for treatment of pyelonephritis or prostatitis because of insufficient tissue levels. It may be an option for VRE cystitis. If CrCl < 60 ml/min or in the presence of anuria, oliguria, avoid use of nitrofurantoin. Should avoid in pregnant patients greater than or equal to 36 weeks

<sup>3</sup> Renal dosage adjustment is required.

<sup>4</sup> Fosfomycin susceptibilities can be done on request. Please note that use of fosfomycin requires endorsement from Infectious Diseases physicians.