



TIPS FOR URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS

SYMPTOMS OF UTI

- Burning when urinating
- A strong urge to urinate
- The need to urinate often
- Fever
- Pain in back or sides
- Blood in urine



SHOULD I COLLECT A ROUTINE SAMPLE?

A urine sample may be helpful if the resident has the following symptoms:

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



DO NOT GET A URINE SAMPLE IF:

The resident only has:

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



TREATING ASYMPTOMATIC BACTERURIA

Has no benefits and causes harm

- Increased costs for residents
- Lengthened hospital stays
- Risk of *C.difficile* infections
- Increased antibiotic resistance

