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# Agents of urinary tract infections

**Urinary tract infections (UTIs)** 

**Frequency of UTIs:** 

**2nd most common infections** 

In adults: the most common infections

Afflicting mainly females (shorter urethra)





- the most common UTI:
- develops ascendently caused by intestinal microflora
- symptoms:

dysuria (difficult urination with sharp burning pain)

pollakisuria (urgent need to urinate accompanied by urination of a small amount of urine only)

## **Pyelonephritis**

- more serious
- origin: ascendent or hematogenous
- symptoms:

fever, chills, flank pain, or costovertebral tenderness, urinary frequency, dysuria, hematuria

#### ...<u>urethritis</u> – will be dealt with STD

# **Etiology of UTIs**

#### **Differs in:**

- non-complicated UTIs
- structural abnormalities (prostatic hypertrophia, urinary stones, strictures, pregnancy, congenital defects, permanent catheters)
- functional disorders (vesicoureteral reflux, neurological disorders, diabetes mellitus)

### **Etiology of non-complicated UTIs**

- 1. 80 % Escherichia coli
- 2. 10 % enterococci (Enterococcus faecalis)
- 3.5% Proteus mirabilis
  - other enterobacteria (Klebsiella pneumoniae, Kl. oxytoca, Ent. cloacae, C. freundii etc.)
  - Streptococcus agalactiae
  - coagulase neg. staphylococci
  - yeasts (mainly Candida albicans)



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## **Etiology of complicated UTIs**

80 % Escherichia coli Klebsiella pneumoniae Proteus mirabilis Pseudomonas aeruginosa enterococci other enterobacteria acinetobacters other G-neg. non-fermenting rods

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## Lege artis taking a urine sample

- after a thorough cleaning incl. external orifficium of urethra by soap and water
- middle stream of urine
- sterile vessel
- sterile tube & stopper promptly
- process it within 2 hours, or place into 4 C for 18 hours at most

#### COUNTERTHINK



http://www.naturalnews.com/cartoons/Expensive\_Urine\_600.jpg

### Semi-quantitative examination – I

- the kind of microbe in the urine sample
- the amount of the microbe

#### Because

- high numbers only stand for the UTI
- low numbers mean usually contamination acquired during urination

# Semi-quantitative examination –

The urine is inoculated on culture media by a calibrated loop taking 1 µl of urine

In this case 1 colony means 10<sup>3</sup> CFU/ml 10 colonies mean 10<sup>4</sup> CFU/ml 100 colonies mean 10<sup>5</sup> CFU/ml

(CFU = colony-forming unit = 1 cell)

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# Significant concentrations of bacteria in urine

Type of specimen, symptoms	Type of microbe	Significant number (CFU/ml)
Middle stream, symptoms present	Primary urine pathogen	<b>10</b> <sup>3</sup>
	Dubious urine pathogen	<b>10</b> <sup>5</sup>
Middle stream, no symptoms	Any	<b>10</b> <sup>5</sup>
Suprapubic punction	Any	<b>10</b> <sup>1</sup>

# Therapy

- Trimethoprim
- Nitrofurantoin
- Cephalexin
- Amoxicillin
- in complicated UTIs ATB sensitivity assessment
- ESBL strains

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#### Detail

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