

MEDICINE



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Urinary Tract Infection

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Urinary Tract Infection

- Upper urinary tract Infections:
 - **Pyelonephritis**
- Lower urinary tract infections
 - **Cystitis** (“traditional” UTI)
 - **Urethritis** (often sexually-transmitted)
 - **Prostatitis**

Symptoms of Urinary Tract Infection

- Dysuria
- Increased frequency
- Hematuria
- Fever
- Nausea/Vomiting (pyelonephritis)
- Flank pain (pyelonephritis)

Findings on Exam in UTI

- Physical Exam:
 - CVA tenderness (**pyelonephritis**)
 - Urethral discharge (**urethritis**)
 - Tender prostate on DRE (**prostatitis**)
- Labs: Urinalysis
 - + leukocyte esterase
 - + nitrites
 - More likely gram-negative rods
 - + WBCs
 - + RBCs

Culture in UTI

- Positive Urine Culture = $>10^5$ CFU/mL
- Most common pathogen for **cystitis**, **prostatitis**, **pyelonephritis**:
 - *Escherichia coli*
 - *Staphylococcus saprophyticus*
 - *Proteus mirabilis*
 - *Klebsiella*
 - *Enterococcus*
- Most common pathogen for urethritis
 - *Chlamydia trachomatis*
 - *Neisseria Gonorrhoea*

Lower Urinary Tract Infection - Cystitis

- **Uncomplicated (Simple) cystitis**
 - In healthy woman, with no signs of systemic disease
- **Complicated cystitis**
 - In men, or woman with comorbid medical problems.
- **Recurrent cystitis**

Uncomplicated (simple) Cystitis

- **Definition**
 - Healthy adult woman (over age 12)
 - Non-pregnant
 - No fever, nausea, vomiting, flank pain
- **Diagnosis**
 - Dipstick urinalysis (no culture or lab tests needed)
- **Treatment**
 - Trimethoprim/Sulfamethoxazole for **3 days**
 - May use fluoroquinolone (ciprofloxacin or levofloxacin) in patient with sulfa allergy, areas with high rates of bactrim-resistance
- **Risk factors:**
 - Sexual intercourse
 - May recommend post-coital voiding or prophylactic antibiotic use.

Complicated Cystitis

- Definition
 - Females with comorbid medical conditions
 - All male patients
 - Indwelling foley catheters
 - Urosepsis/hospitalization
- Diagnosis
 - Urinalysis, Urine culture
 - Further labs, if appropriate.
- Treatment
 - Fluoroquinolone (or other broad spectrum antibiotic)
 - **7-14 days** of treatment (depending on severity)
 - May treat even longer (2-4 weeks) in males with UTI

Recurrent Cystitis

- Want to make sure urine culture and sensitivity obtained.
- May consider urologic work-up to evaluate for anatomical abnormality.
- Treat for 7-14 days.

Pyelonephritis

- Infection of the kidney
- Associated with constitutional symptoms – fever, nausea, vomiting, headache
- Diagnosis:
 - Urinalysis, urine culture, CBC, Chemistry
- Treatment:
 - **2-weeks** of Trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole or fluoroquinolone
 - Hospitalization and IV antibiotics if patient unable to take po.
- Complications:
 - Perinephric/Renal abscess:
 - Suspect in patient who is not improving on antibiotic therapy.
 - Diagnosis: CT with contrast, renal ultrasound
 - May need surgical drainage.
 - Nephrolithiasis with UTI
 - Suspect in patient with severe flank pain
 - Need urology consult for treatment of kidney stone

Prostatitis

- Symptoms:
 - Pain in the perineum, lower abdomen, testicles, penis, and with ejaculation, bladder irritation, bladder outlet obstruction, and sometimes blood in the semen
- Diagnosis:
 - Typical clinical history (fevers, chills, dysuria, malaise, myalgias, pelvic/perineal pain, cloudy urine)
 - The finding of an edematous and tender prostate on physical examination
 - Will have an increased PSA
 - Urinalysis, urine culture
- Treatment:
 - Trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole, fluoroquinolone or other broad spectrum antibiotic
 - **4-6 weeks of treatment**
- Risk Factors:
 - Trauma
 - Sexual abstinence
 - Dehydration

Urethritis

- *Chlamydia trachomatis*

- Frequently asymptomatic in females, but can present with dysuria, discharge or pelvic inflammatory disease.
- Send UA, Urine culture (if pyuria seen, but no bacteria, suspect Chlamydia)
- Pelvic exam – send discharge from cervical or urethral os for chlamydia PCR
- Chlamydia screening is now recommended for all females ≤ 25 years
- Treatment:
 - Azithromycin – 1 g po x 1
 - Doxycycline – 100 mg po BID x 7 days

- *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*

- May present with dysuria, discharge, PID
- Send UA, urine culture
- Pelvic exam – send discharge samples for gram stain, culture, PCR
- Treatment:
 - Ceftriaxone – 125 mg IM x 1
 - Cipro – 500 mg po x 1
 - Levofloxacin – 250 mg po x 1
 - Ofloxacin – 400 mg po x 1
 - Spectinomycin – 2 g IM x 1
- ***You should always also treat for chlamydia when treating for gonorrhea!***

Question #1

- An 18-year old woman presents with urinary frequency, dysuria, and low-grade fever. Urinalysis shows pyuria and bacilli. She has never had similar symptoms or treatment for urinary tract infection.

Question # 1

- What category of UTI does this patient have?
- Does this patient require further testing?
- Would you treat this patient, and if so, with what and how long?

Question # 2

- An 18-year old woman present with her third episode of urinary frequency, dysuria, and pyuria in the past 4 months.

Question # 2

- What further questions do you have for this patient?
- What type of UTI does this patient have?
- What testing might you perform in this patient?
- How would you treat her, and for how long?

Question #3

- A 24-year old woman presents with fever, chills, nausea, vomiting, flank pain and tenderness. Her temperature is 40°C, pulse rate is 120/min., and blood pressure is 100/60 mm Hg.

Question # 3

- What further studies do you want in this patient?
- How would you treat this patient?
- What might you do if she does not improve after 3-4 days?



- THANKS