Urinary Tract Infections (UTI)

Breakout Rooms – 10 minutes

Question: You suspect that a male resident who is over 65 has a UTI. What signs and symptoms may be present, and how would you manage this?

Types of UTI

A urinary tract infection is an infection of any part of the urinary tract

Can be uncomplicated

Can be complicated

Upper UTI - describes an infection in the ureters and kidneys ► Lower UTI - bladder and urethra

Recurrent UTIs

Asymptomatic bacteriuria

Diagnosing a UTI

Consider - Onset, Severity

Symptoms - Fever, Confusion, Pain, Nausea and Vomiting

Past medical history- family, vaginal discharge.

Diagnosis- under 65years

- Dysuria, pain burning, discomfort, stinging
- New nocturia getting up to pass urine once or twice a night
- Urine looks cloudy to naked eye, absence or odour or cloudiness should not be used to diagnosis alone.

Diagnosis- over 65 years

(similar symptoms for both male and female)

Frequency

Fevers

Urgency/incontinence

Confusion

Supra-pubic pain or tenderness Lethargy

Haematuria

Nausea/vomiting

UTIs in men

In men with symptoms suggestive of UTI, obtain and urine for culture and sensitivity

Over 65 yrs. of age

UTI in men

Men require urology referral if ongoing symptoms despite appropriate antibiotic treatment.

Often other symptoms to consider

Differential diagnosis

Pyelonephritis

Bacterial vaginosis

Delirium

Candida

Urethritis

Herpes simplex

Renal colic

Prostatitis

Visible haematuria

Underlying pathology

Treatment

- ► Females 3 days course of antibiotics
- Males 7 days course of antibiotics
- Trimethoprim/nitrofurantoin (this is dependant on renal function)
- Review a males symptoms after 48 hours

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Any questions?

Thank you!