



Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) Bundle | Risk and Action Tool

If residents have any of the identified UTI risk factors below, the related action plan may assist in prevention of the infection.

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	Risk	Action
	Increased Age	 Increased responsibility for staff to protect residents. Consistently perform hand hygiene—washing with soap and water or using an alcohol-based sanitizer. Practice standard precautions—assume all blood, body fluids, and environmental surfaces could be contaminated with germs.
	Bacteria Exposure	Monitor for signs and symptoms of UTI.Utilize UTI bundle for prevention.
	Prior UTI	Utilize UTI bundle for prevention.
	Bowel and/or Bladder Incontinence	 Consistently perform hand hygiene—washing with soap and water or using an alcohol-based sanitizer. Practice standard precautions—assume all blood, body fluids, and environmental surfaces could be contaminated with germs. Provide regular opportunities for residents to empty their bladder. Check incontinent pads frequently. Avoid extended periods of skin exposure to urine and/or feces. Proper perineal care—cleaning females from front to back/cleaning males' foreskin if present.
	Dementia/ Alzheimer's	 Provide regular opportunities for residents to empty their bladder. Check incontinent pads frequently. Avoid extended periods of skin exposure to urine and/or feces. Proper perineal care—cleaning females from front to back/cleaning males' foreskin if present.
	Residents with Chronic Conditions/ Neurogenic Bladder	 Increased responsibility for staff to protect residents Consistently perform hand hygiene—washing with soap and water or using an alcohol-based sanitizer. Practice standard precautions—assume all blood, body fluids, and environmental surfaces be contaminated with germs. Neurogenic bladder—avoid unnecessary catheterization; when needed, follow protocols to provide appropriate catheter care.
	Poor Intake/ Dehydration	 Offer fluids frequently—unless on a fluid restriction. Maintain water supply within residents reach. Avoid fluids with caffeine—can cause dehydration. Avoid extreme heat—can cause dehydration.
	Mobility Issues	 Provide regular opportunities for residents to empty their bladder. Check incontinent pads frequently. Avoid extended periods of skin exposure to urine and/or feces. Proper perineal care—cleaning females from front to back/cleaning males' foreskin if present.

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