

We are committed to providing the best care possible for our residents by working together with providers, staff, residents and their families. In order to maintain a high standard of care, we want to share with you information regarding an initiative our facility is involved with in regards to the diagnosis and treatment of Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs).

We are in the process of implementing the Wisconsin UTI Improvement Toolkit developed by the Wisconsin Healthcare-Associated Infections in Long-Term Care Coalition. The objectives of the Wisconsin UTI Improvement Toolkit are to help long-term care facilities:

* Standardize the assessment and communication of findings in residents experiencing a change-in-condition where UTI is suspected.
* Promote the use of active monitoring and delay of urine testing and antibiotic treatment among residents where the risk of UTI is low.
* Promote the appropriate use of antibiotics (drug, dose, duration) in residents where the risk of UTI is high.

This toolkit is now available on the Clinical Resource Center website <https://crc.chsra.wisc.edu/>

Your participation in this antibiotic stewardship effort is vital to ensure success. In order to best prepare yourself for participation in this project, it will be helpful to review the toolkit and resources available. In particular, the following portions of the toolkit are targeted to providers:

* Module 1: Overview and Rationale
* Staff and Provider Infographic
* Module 4: When and How to Treat a UTI as well as the
* Provider Prescribing Brochure

Thank you for taking the time to read this explanation. We are happy to answer any questions you might have, and we encourage you to work with us to help us provide the best care possible for our residents.