

Urinary Tract Infection

WHAT IS A URINARY TRACT INFECTION (UTI)?

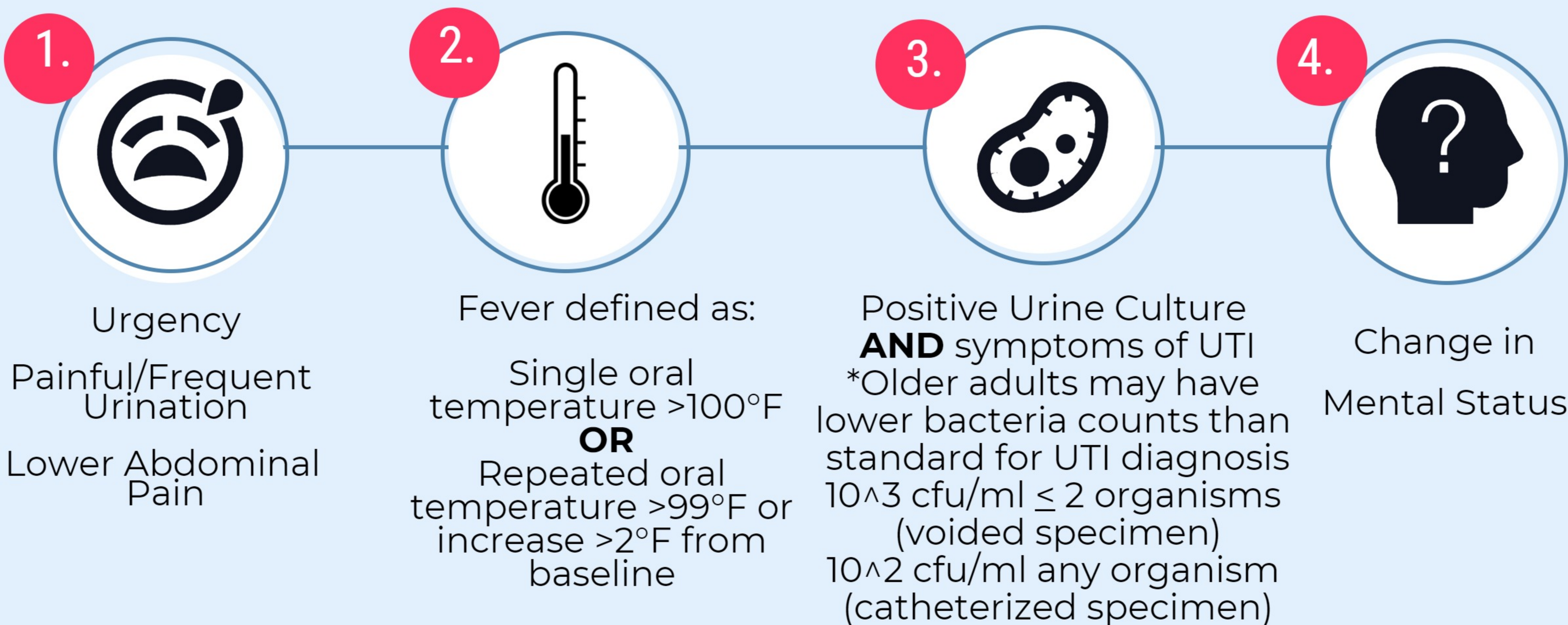
An infection in any part of the urinary system which includes:

- kidneys
- bladder
- ureters
- urethra

Most infections involve the lower urinary tract (bladder/urethra).

WHEN WOULD YOU SUSPECT A UTI?

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS



HOW DO YOU TREAT A UTI?

Catheter-Associated

Antibiotic treatment can be used if resident has one or more of the following symptoms:

- Fever
- New pain in kidney region and/or lower abdominal pain
- Rigors
- Acute delirium and leukocytosis with no alternative diagnosis

or

Non Catheter-Associated

Antibiotic treatment can be used in residents if they exhibit:

- Sudden Painful Urination and/or Fever

AND at least one of the following:

- Urgency or frequency
- Low abdominal pain
- Bloody urine
- New or marked increase in urinary incontinence
- Kidney region pain

Older adults are more likely to have an antibiotic-resistant strain bacteria as the cause for their infection. Treatment may vary depending on residents symptoms, comorbidities, and prior urinary tract infections.