

2026 NHSN Urinary System Infection (USI) Checklist

Documentation Review Checklist		
USI – Urinary System Infection (kidney, ureter, bladder, urethra, or perinephric space; excluding UTI)		
USI-Urinary System Infection		
Criterion met: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3a <input type="checkbox"/> 3b <input type="checkbox"/> 4a <input type="checkbox"/> 4b		
Element	Element Met	Date
Urinary system infections must meet at least one of the following criteria:		
1. Patient has organism(s) identified from fluid (not urine) or tissue from affected site by a culture or non-culture based microbiologic testing method, which is performed for purposes of clinical diagnosis or treatment, for example, not Active Surveillance Culture/Testing (ASC/AST).	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Patient has an abscess or other evidence of infection on gross anatomical exam, during invasive procedure, or on histopathologic exam.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Patient has one of the following signs or symptoms:		
• Fever (>38.0°C)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Localized pain or tenderness*	<input type="checkbox"/>	
AND at least one of the following:		
a. Purulent drainage from affected site.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Organism(s) identified from blood by a culture or non-culture based microbiologic testing method, which is performed for purposes of clinical diagnosis or treatment, for example, not Active Surveillance Culture/Testing (ASC/AST) AND Imaging test evidence definitive for infection (for example, ultrasound, CT scan, magnetic resonance imaging [MRI], or radiolabel scan [gallium, technetium]), which if equivocal is supported by clinical correlation, specifically, physician or physician designee documentation of antimicrobial treatment for urinary system infection.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Patient ≤ 1 year of age has at least one of the following signs or symptoms:		
• Fever (>38.0°C)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Hypothermia (<36.0°C)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Apnea*	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Bradycardia*	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Lethargy*	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Vomiting*	<input type="checkbox"/>	
AND at least one of the following:		
a. Purulent drainage from affected site.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Organism(s) identified from blood by a culture or non-culture based microbiologic testing method, which is performed for purposes of clinical diagnosis or treatment, for example, not Active Surveillance Culture/Testing (ASC/AST) AND Imaging test evidence definitive for infection (for example, ultrasound, CT scan, magnetic resonance imaging [MRI], or radiolabel scan [gallium, technetium]), which if equivocal is supported by clinical correlation, specifically, physician documentation of antimicrobial treatment for urinary system infection.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>*With no other recognized cause</i>		
Reporting instruction:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report infections following circumcision in newborns as SST-CIRC. 		