

2026 NHSN Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) Checklist

Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) Summary		
Criterion	Criterion Met	Date of Event (DOE)
SUTI 1a	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SUTI 1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SUTI 2 Catheter Associated	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SUTI 2 Non-Catheter Associated	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ABUTI Catheter Associated	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ABUTI Non-Catheter Associated	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Please refer to Chapter 7 Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) Event of the Patient Safety Manual for additional information.		

Note: All elements of the UTI criterion must occur during the IWP (see IWP Definition [Chapter 2 Identifying HAIs in NHSN](#)).

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Urinary Tract Infection Symptomatic UTI (SUTI)		
SUTI 1a Catheter-associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI)--Any Age Patient		
Element Patient must meet 1, 2, <u>and</u> 3 below:	Element Met	Date
1. Patient had an indwelling urinary catheter (IUC) that had been in place for more than 2 consecutive days in an inpatient location on the date of event AND was either:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present for any portion of the calendar day on the date of event[†] OR • Removed the day before the date of event[‡] 	
2. Patient has at least one of the following signs or symptoms:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever (>38°C) • Suprapubic tenderness* • Costovertebral angle pain or tenderness* • Urinary urgency^ • Urinary frequency^ • Dysuria^ 	
3. Patient has a urine culture with no more than two species of organisms identified, at least one of which is a bacterium of $\geq 100,000$ CFU/ml (see Comments below).	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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SUTI 1b Non-Catheter-associated Urinary Tract Infection (Non-CAUTI)---Any Age Patient

Element	Element Met	Date
Patient must meet 1, 2, and 3 below:		
1. One of the following is true:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient has/had an indwelling urinary catheter (IUC), but it has/had not been in place for more than 2 consecutive days in an inpatient location on the date of event[§] <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient did not have an indwelling urinary catheter (IUC) in place on the date of event nor the day before the date of event[§] 	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Patient has at least one of the following signs or symptoms:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fever (>38°C) Suprapubic tenderness* Costovertebral angle pain or tenderness* Urinary urgency ^ Urinary frequency^ Dysuria ^ 	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fever (>38°C) Suprapubic tenderness* Costovertebral angle pain or tenderness* Urinary urgency ^ Urinary frequency^ Dysuria ^ 	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fever (>38°C) Suprapubic tenderness* Costovertebral angle pain or tenderness* Urinary urgency ^ Urinary frequency^ Dysuria ^ 	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Patient has a urine culture with no more than two species of organisms identified, at least one of which is a bacterium of $\geq 100,000$ CFU/ml (see Comments below).		
Apply this Reporting Guidance for SUTI 1a and SUTI 1b: <p>† When entering event into NHSN choose “INPLACE” for Risk Factor for IUC</p> <p>‡ When entering event into NHSN choose “REMOVE” for Risk Factor for IUC</p> <p>§ When entering event into NHSN choose “NEITHER” for Risk Factor for IUC</p> <p>* With no other recognized cause</p> <p>^ These symptoms cannot be used when IUC is in place. An IUC in place could cause patient complaints of “frequency” “urgency” or “dysuria.”</p>		
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Urinary Tract Infection Symptomatic UTI (SUTI)		
SUTI 2 CAUTI or Non-CAUTI in patients <u>1 year of age or less</u>		
Element	Element Met	Date
Patient must meet 1, 2, and 3 below:		
1. Patient is \leq 1 year of age (with [‡] or without an indwelling urinary catheter)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Patient has at least <u>one</u> of the following signs or symptoms:		
• Fever ($>38^{\circ}\text{C}$)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Hypothermia ($<36.0^{\circ}\text{C}$)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Apnea*	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Bradycardia*	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Lethargy*	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Vomiting*	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Suprapubic tenderness*	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Patient has a urine culture with no more than two species of organisms identified, at least one of which is a bacterium of $\geq 100,000$ CFU/ml (see Comments below).	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>[‡] If patient had an indwelling urinary catheter (IUC) in place for more than 2 consecutive days in an inpatient location and the IUC was in place on the date of event or the previous day, the CAUTI criterion is met. If no such IUC was in place, UTI (non-catheter associated) criterion is met.</p> <p>* With no other recognized cause</p>		
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Asymptomatic Bacteremic Urinary Tract Infection (ABUTI)		
Catheter associated ABUTI or Non-catheter associated ABUTI---Any Age Patient		
Element Patient must meet 1, 2, and 3 below:	Element Met	Date
<p>1. Patient with* or without an indwelling urinary catheter (IUC) has <u>no</u> signs or symptoms of SUTI 1 or 2 regardless of age</p> <p>2. Patient has a urine culture with no more than two species of organisms identified, at least one of which is a bacterium of $\geq 100,000$ CFU/ml (see Comments below).</p> <p>3. Patient has recognized pathogen(s) identified** from blood specimen with at least <u>one</u> matching bacterium to the $\geq 100,000$ CFU/ml bacterium identified in the urine specimen OR Patient is eligible to meet LCBI 2 with chills or hypotension (not fever) and common commensal(s) in the blood and urine specimens match.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>* Patient had an IUC in place for more than 2 consecutive days in an inpatient location on the date of event, and an IUC was in place on the date of event or the day before.</p> <p>** Organisms identified 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)).</p> <p>Note: Catheter-associated ABUTIs are reportable if CAUTI is in the facility's reporting plan for the location.</p>		
<p>Comments: "Mixed flora" cannot be reported as a pathogen for a UTI event. Additionally, "mixed flora" represents at least two species of organisms and cannot be used to meet the NHSN UTI criteria. Any additional organisms recovered from the same culture would be in addition to the mixed flora, meaning there are at least three organism present making the culture ineligible for use to meet NHSN UTI criteria.</p> <p>Additionally, the following excluded organisms cannot be used to meet the UTI definition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any yeast or yeast species • mold • dimorphic fungi or • parasites <p>An acceptable urine specimen may include the above organisms no more than one bacterium with $\geq 100,000$ CFU/ml is also present. Additionally, these non-bacterial organisms identified from a blood culture cannot be deemed secondary to a UTI since the above non-bacterial organisms are excluded as organisms in the UTI definition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Suprapubic tenderness documentation - whether elicited by palpation (tenderness-sign) or provided as a subjective complaint of suprapubic pain (pain-symptom) - found in the medical record is acceptable to meet SUTI criterion if documented in the medical record during the Infection Window Period. ➤ Lower abdominal pain or bladder or pelvic discomfort are examples of symptoms that can be used as suprapubic tenderness. Generalized "abdominal pain" in the medical record is too general and not to be interpreted as suprapubic tenderness as there are many causes of abdominal pain. ➤ Lower back pain (left, right, or bilateral) or flank pain (left, right, or bilateral) are examples of symptoms that can be used as costovertebral angle pain or tenderness. Generalized "low back pain" is not to be interpreted as costovertebral angle pain or tenderness. ➤ Fever and hypothermia are non-specific symptoms of infection and cannot be excluded from UTI determination because they are clinically deemed due to another recognized cause. 		

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