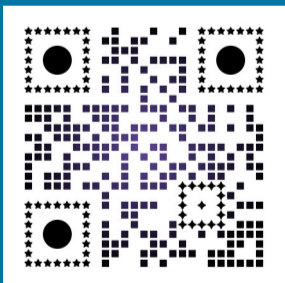


SKIP THE DIP

for urinary tract infection (UTI) in people over 65 years

- Bacteria in the urine can be normal and not cause harm in older people. This is called asymptomatic bacteriuria.
- Dipstick urine tests are not recommended to assess for evidence of UTI in people aged 65 years and over.
- Assessment for UTI should be based on clinical signs and symptoms.
- Refer to the HSC Diagnostic Decision Tools for Management of Suspected UTIs on the NI Formulary website.



Taking antibiotics when you don't need them can harm your health and cause superbugs. This may make antibiotics less likely to work when they are really necessary.

