

Guidelines for the Prevention and Treatment of Urinary Tract Infections in Continuing Care Settings are Available

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Physicians, nurses and pharmacists have a vital role to play in the prevention and treatment of urinary tract infections in continuing care residents. Please share the following information with your membership.

Using evidence-based guidelines to improve client care

- Concerns regarding the management and prevention of urinary tract infections in long-term care residents are well documented.
- Infection Control Professionals throughout Saskatchewan identified this issue as a priority for our provincial Technical Advisory Group (TAG).
- In April 2013, the Saskatchewan Infection Control Program released “Guidelines for the Prevention and Treatment of Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs) in Continuing Care Settings”. It is based on current consensus documents and recommendations to prevent or reduce urinary tract infections and improve resident/client outcomes through the judicious and appropriate use of antibiotics.
- Protocols to guide direct resident caregivers in how to monitor and identify symptomatic urinary tract infections more accurately are included.
- Education materials about the best practices contained in the guidelines will be available in the fall and shared with all Long-Term Care facilities and Home Care providers.

Optimizing antimicrobial use

- Antimicrobial stewardship programs are now an expectation of Accreditation Canada. It is our hope that by following the recommendations of these guidelines, this will be a significant step towards improved resident care and that these recommendations will become an important component of every regional Antimicrobial Stewardship program.

View Guidelines

<http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/guidelines-prevention-treatment-UTIs>

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