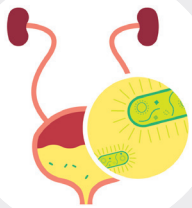


# Urine dipsticks not used here!



Australian guidelines advise that **urine dipstick testing is not a first step in diagnosing UTIs** in older people. Instead our home is using a Clinical Pathway.



**Bacteria in the urine can be normal** in older people.



If you think a resident may have a UTI, **use the Clinical Pathway** to check for signs and symptoms and the action to take.



Giving antibiotics when they are not really needed will lead to **1 in 3 residents developing side-effects such as diarrhoea.**

**Please speak to the aged care home manager if you have any questions.**

*Adapted from NHS Nottinghamshire County Council 'To Dip or Not to Dip' project and Dr Annie Joseph's work.*

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