

# Quality Measure Tip Sheet: Urinary Tract Infection – Long Stay

This measure is used in the 5-star quality rating system.

## Quality Measure Overview

- This measure reports the percentage of residents who have had a urinary tract infection (UTI) within the last **30 days**.
- Exclusions:
  - This measure will not be triggered if the target assessment was an admission or a prospective payment system five-day assessment.
  - Urinary tract infection value is missing.



## Minimum Data Set (MDS) Coding Requirements

In the MDS, refer to section I:

- Include a look-back period of 30 days.
- Code only if both of the following are met in the last 30 days:
  1. It was determined the resident had a UTI using evidence-based criteria such as McGeer, National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) or Loeb in the last 30 days, and
  2. A physician documented UTI diagnosis (or by a nurse practitioner, physician assistant or clinical nurse specialist if allowable under state licensure laws) in the last 30 days.

## Consider These Questions:

- Was the MDS coded as per the Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) requirements?
- Does the facility have established criteria for testing (such as the McGeer Criteria available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC] website), and are the nurses aware of the criteria?
- Does the resident need to be placed on a hydration program?
- Is water accessible at all times and offered to dementia residents?
- Are chronic conditions treated?
- Are staff members monitored for proficiency in perineal-/catheter-care and handwashing?
- If a catheter has been inserted, was the diagnosis appropriate?

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