



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

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## Quality Measure Overview

- This measure reports the percentage of residents who have had a urinary tract infection (UTI) within the last **30 days**.

### Exclusion:

- This measure will not be triggered if the target assessment was an admission, a prospective payment system 5-day assessment, or a Medicare readmission/return assessment.
- Urinary tract infection value is missing.



## MDS Coding Requirements

In the Minimum Data Set (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 that 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* requirements?
- Does the facility have established criteria for testing (such as the McGeer Criteria available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 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?

For guidance on quality measures, reach out to Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG).

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