

Emergency Department

## Urinary Tract Infection (UTI)

Information for Parents/ Carers

### Introduction

Your child has had a urine infection which they are now on treatment for.

### What happens now?

You will be given either a prescription for antibiotics for your child to take to our pharmacy (9-5pm Monday- Friday) or a course of antibiotics to take home with you from A&E (5pm-9am).

These antibiotics are chosen based on the most common bacteria causing urine infections in children, and are therefore most likely to work on the majority of infections we see.

The Emergency department Consultants review all the urine samples that have been looked at under a microscope, and the laboratory will tell us whether the antibiotic your child has been given is effective against the bug they have grown. These samples take 2-3 days to fully process until we receive a result.

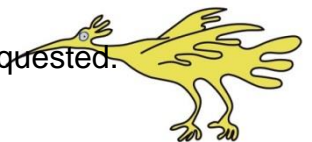
If for some reason the antibiotic that your child has been given is not effective against the bug that has been grown we will arrange for a change in their treatment and any follow up that may be needed.

### Will my child be followed up?

If your child is under a certain age, has grown an unusual bug or had several urine infections within a certain time period, they may require further follow up and/or some further tests like an ultrasound scan.

This leaflet only gives general information. You must always discuss the individual treatment of your child with the appropriate member of staff. Do not rely on this leaflet alone for information about your child's treatment.

This information can be made available in other languages and formats if requested.



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