

Patient information

Guidance to follow if you have a urinary tract infection (UTI) before your operation

A urinary tract infection (UTI) is also known as a water infection.

If you are contacted by one of the Pre Admission Unit (PAU) nurses if your urine sample, sent to the pathology laboratory at the time of your appointment, shows signs of an infection. If this is the case, we will need you to undergo treatment for this infection, to enable you to proceed to surgery.

Please follow these instructions:

1. You will need to collect a prescription from the preadmission unit and then visit your local pharmacy to have the prescription dispensed.
2. Please take your antibiotics for the prescribed number of days.
3. Seven days **after** completion of your treatment, please take a urine sample to your GP practice in a red topped bottle (which we will provide) with the specimen form, and your practice will forward it to the pathology department.

The Pre Admission Unit nurses will check the pathology results.

If you wish to contact us

If you do not wish to consent to this treatment, or would like to discuss things further, please contact us.

Our telephone number is: 01284 712810

We are a small unit and may be unable to answer your call, so please leave a message, providing the following information:

- Your name

- Your hospital number (if known) or your date of birth.
- Your question or request

If your urine still shows signs of infection after completing your antibiotics, you may need a further course of antibiotics. If this is the case, we will contact you to repeat steps 1 - 3 again.

If you experience problems with the antibiotics please contact us or your GP for further guidance.

It is possible that your operation may need to be delayed until you are clear of infection, we will advise you if that is the case.

Date record

Started antibiotics on

Completed antibiotics on

Repeat urine sample

7 days after finishing antibiotics

We wish you a speedy recovery.

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