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- B. Registered Nurse
- C. Director of Nursing
- D. Provider (MD, PA, NP)
- E. Other

# Objectives

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- Identify challenges and strategies to monitor patients for symptoms associated with urinary tract infection.
- Differentiate urinary tract infection from asymptomatic bacteriuria in the long-term care population.
- Discuss evidence surrounding UTI diagnosis and current issues with antibiotic resistance.
- Identify nutrition-related strategies for UTI management including the use of cranberry and hydration.
- Apply knowledge gained about UTI surveillance, diagnosis, and management to a clinical scenario.

# UTI Impact on Residents

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**UTIs are a common infection in the long-term care setting.**

**What does this mean for our residents?**



# Case Study

Mary Frank an 82-year-old resident in your LTC facility with a recent functional status change.

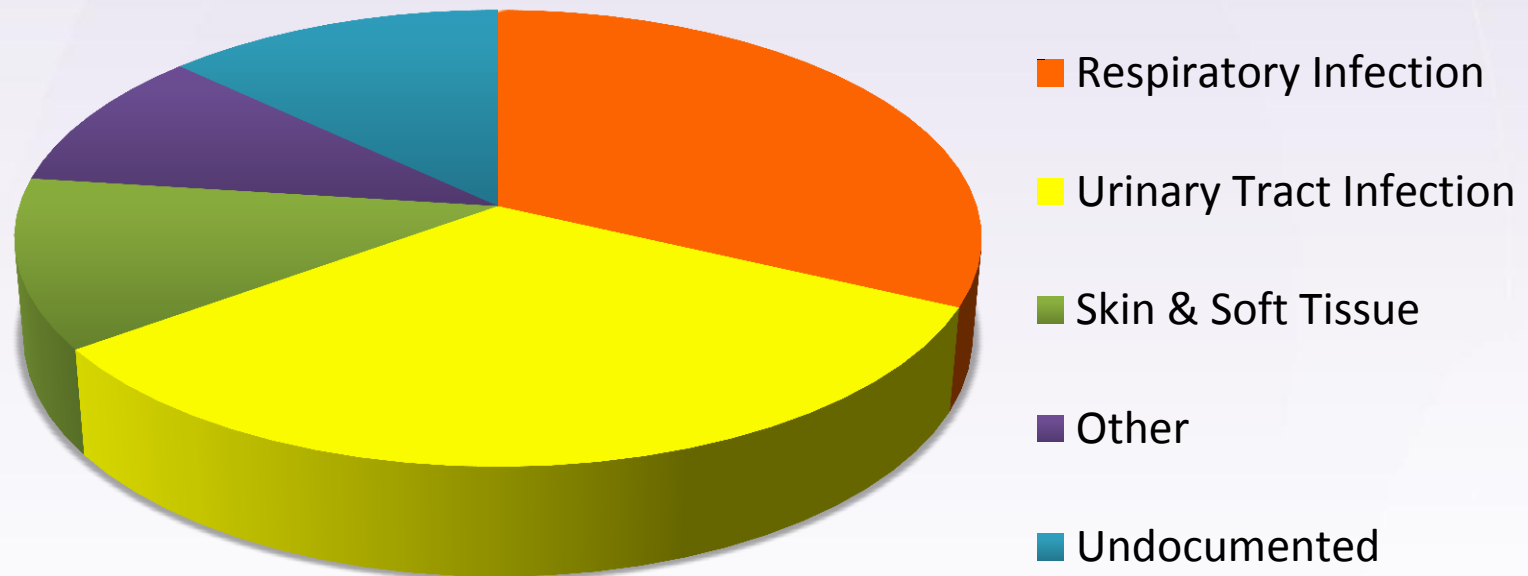
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- C. Urinalysis with 100,000 CFU bacteria and dark urine and abnormal BS
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# Infections in LTC by Type



# UTI or ASB?

## UTI

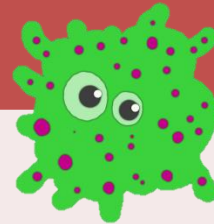
>100,000 cfu bacteria

+

2-3 signs/symptoms

=

ABX



## ASB

(bacteriuria)

>100,000 cfu bacteria

+

Insufficient OR  
NO signs/symptoms

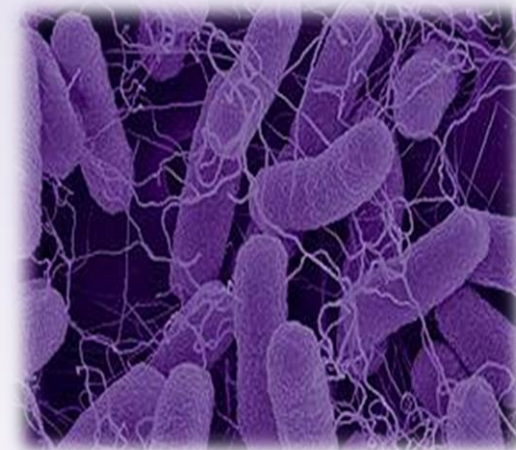
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NO ABX



## ASB incidence in LTC

- 25-50% Women
- 15-40% Men
- ~100% Catheterized residents



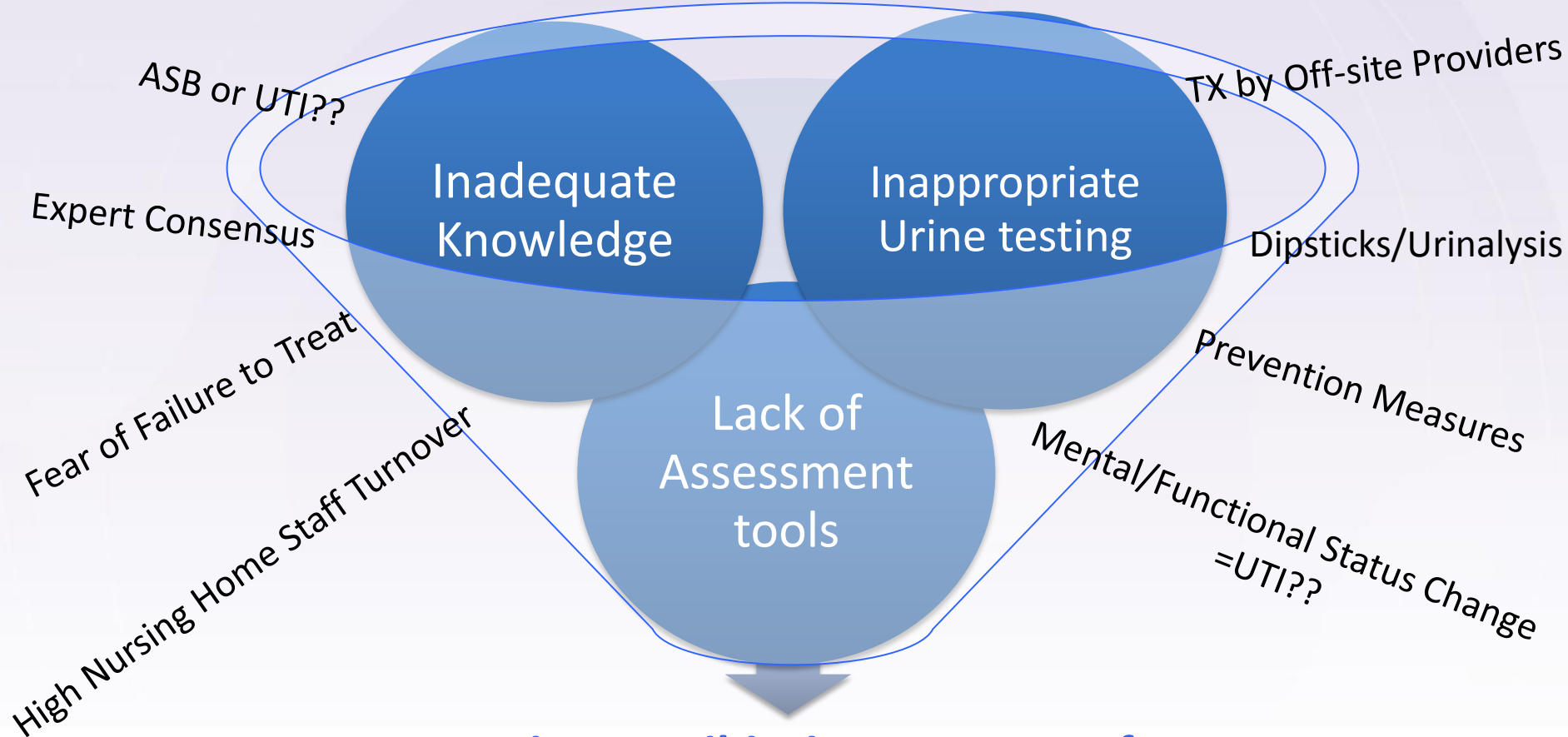
## ASB in the Community Dwelling Older Adults

- 11-16% Women
- 4-19% Men

- Increased incidence due to
  - Reduced estrogen/vaginal atrophy & short urethra in women
  - Decreased immune response and malnutrition
  - Benign prostatic hypertrophy in men
  - Increased incidents of HC acquired infections
  - Decreased mobility
  - Increased incontinence
  - Increased co-morbidities
  - Drug resistance & polypharmacy



# Problem



## Inappropriate Antibiotic Treatments for UTI

**Adverse Effects**

**C-diff**

**ABX Resistance**

**Cost**

# Causes of Mental Status Changes

- Worsening of dementia
- Older age
- Metabolic abnormalities
- Psychoactive drugs
- Polypharmacy
- Severe illness
  - Anemia
  - Malignancy
  - Malnutrition
  - Dehydration
  - Infection
  - Stroke



# Causes of Functional Status Changes

- Change in cognitive status
- Reduced mobility secondary to:
  - Advancing age
  - Cerebral vascular accident
  - Parkinson's disease
  - Dementia



# UTI Diagnosis:

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A resident has at least:

- 3 S/S for non-catheterized OR
- 2 S/S for catheterized



Positive UA

(>100,000 cfu/ml bacteria present  
w/ less than 3 organisms)

# Cooper Urinary Surveillance Tool ©

Chart VS and S/S Q shift (Resolve after 72 hours if pt. does not meet criteria)

Resident Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_ Date Initiated \_\_\_\_\_ Baseline Temp \_\_\_\_\_

**NO Catheter-Must have 3 NEW/ACUTELY WORSE S/S simultaneously to progress through algorithm**

**Indwelling Catheter-Must have 2 NEW/ACUTELY WORSE S/S simultaneously to progress through algorithm**

**Please CHECK/DATE ALL that apply Q SHIFT**

- Fever (>2 degrees F above baseline OR >100 degrees)\_\_\_\_\_
- Dysuria OR  frequency OR  Urgency\_\_\_\_\_
- New flank or suprapubic or testicular pain or tenderness\_\_\_\_\_
- Change in character of urine \_\_\_\_\_
- Change in mental status per MDS (E.G. confusion, lethargy)\_\_\_\_
- Change in functional status per MDS (E.G. ↓ appetite, falls, incontinence of recent onset, decreased activity)\_\_\_\_\_

**\*Urostomy & Suprapubic Catheters are NOT Indwelling Catheters\***

**Please CHECK/DATE ALL that apply Q SHIFT**

- Fever (>2 degrees F above baseline OR >100 degrees  
OR Chills or New onset Hypotension)\_\_\_\_\_
- New flank or suprapubic or testicular pain or tenderness\_\_\_\_\_
- Change in urine character OR Purulent D/C at insertion site\_\_\_\_
- Change in mental status per MDS (E.G. confusion, lethargy)\_\_\_\_
- Change in functional status per MDS (e.g., ↓ appetite, falls, decreased activity)\_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

**MEETS criteria:**

Write order & do urine dip (IF Cath >14 days old, replace 1<sup>st</sup>)  
+ for Leukocytes  Date \_\_\_\_\_  
done \_\_\_\_\_  
+ for Nitrates   
IF - for both then NO UTI- \_\_\_\_\_  
IF + for either Call MD/DO/NP/PA for orders-DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**Does NOT MEET criteria:**

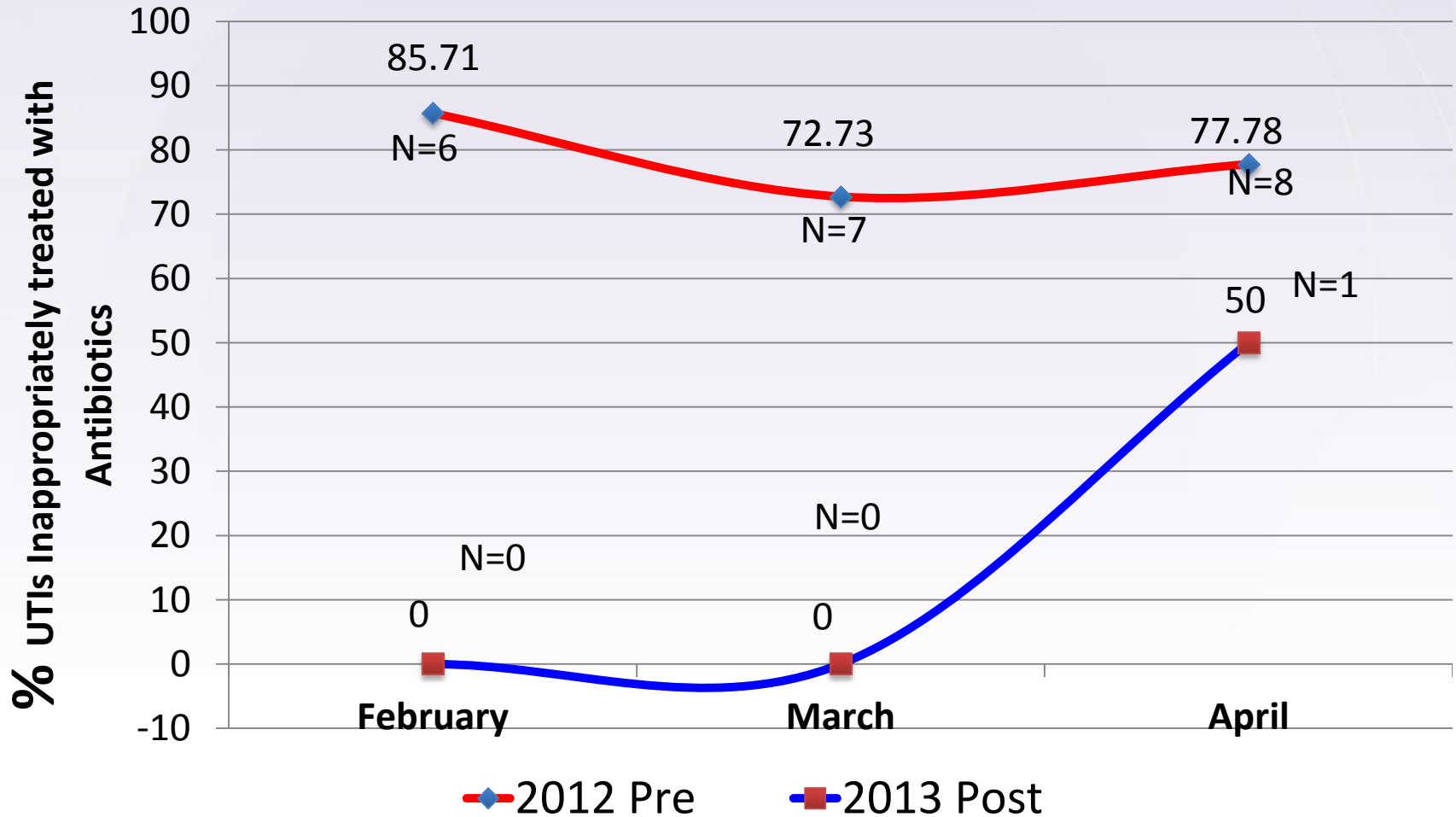
- Contact MD/DO/NP/PA w/CURRENT S/S for any orders
- May encourage fluids (if no restriction)
- Continue to monitor and report S/S per facility protocol

- UA ordered?  Call MD/DO/NP/PA with S/S & results
- UA +  OR if UA -  → Resolve No UTI →  
↓  
C&S ordered
- Encourage fluids (if no restriction)

- Continue to eval resident UTI: YES  NO
- Was ABX ordered? DATE \_\_\_\_\_
- Adverse Effects? \_\_\_\_\_
- Recurrent UTI (2/in 6 mo.)?  YES  NO
- If recurrent UTI start 4 oz. 27% Cranberry juice TID

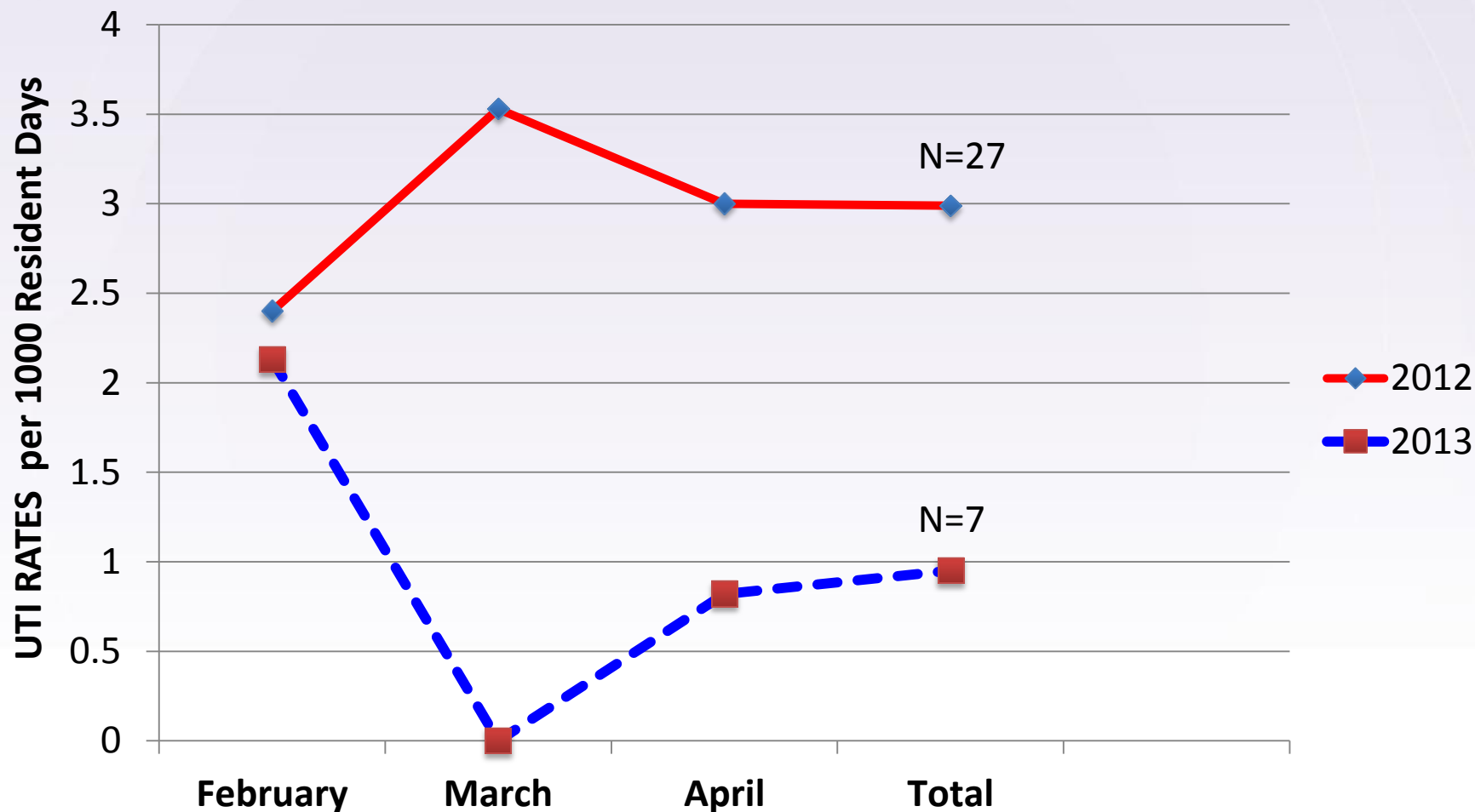
Resolved Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nurse Initials \_\_\_\_\_

# # of Inappropriate Antibiotic Treatments for "UTI"



Differences are statistically significant (Chi-square=9.812, Fisher's Exact p-value=0.004)

# UTI Rates



Statistically significant using Pearson Chi-square (14.957) and Fisher exact test  $P < .001$

# Why Not JUST Treat?

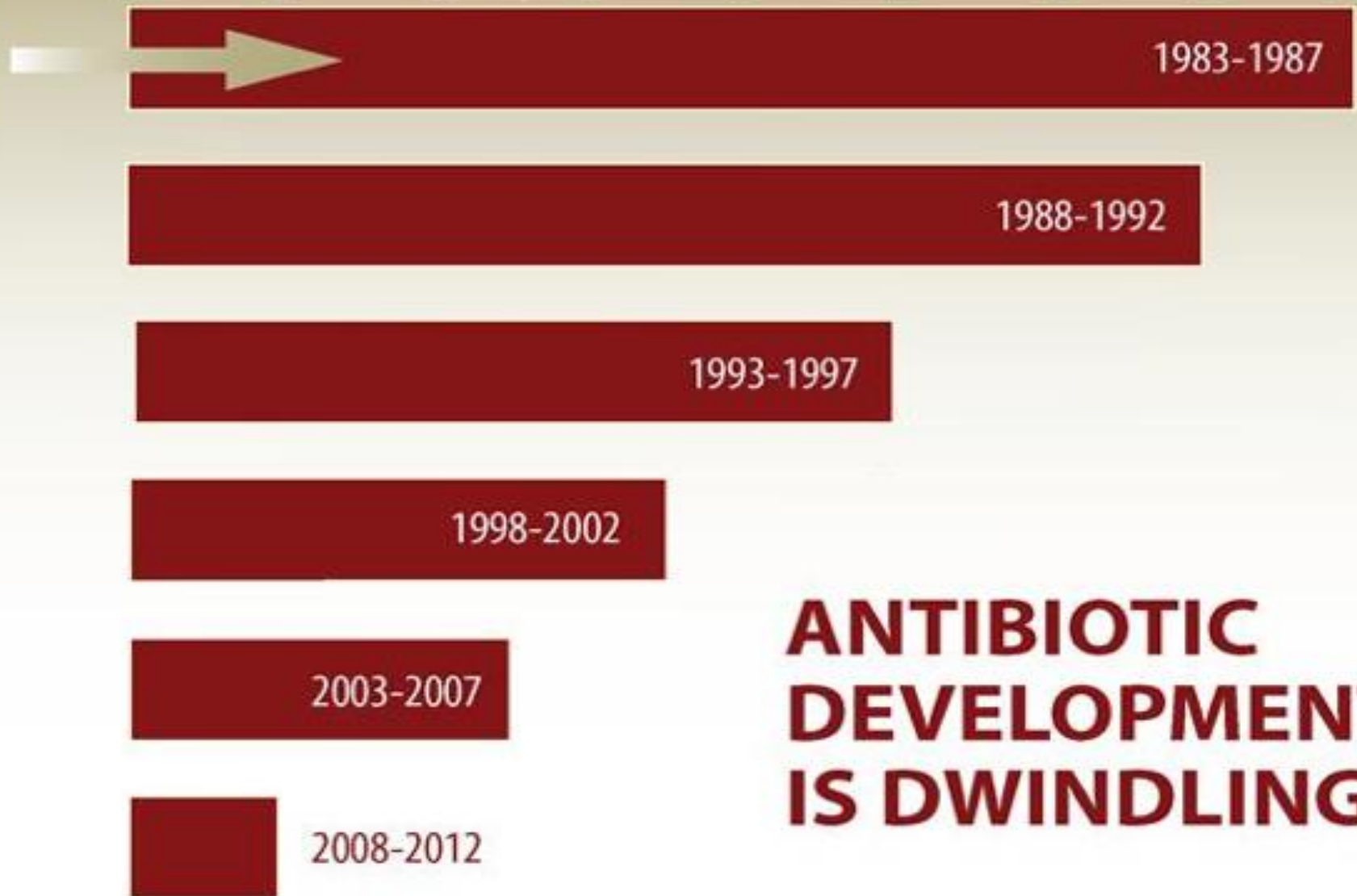
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- Resistance
- Reduced kidney function
- Poly-pharmacy
- Drug allergies
- Adverse drug reactions
- Increased risk of hospitalization
- Cost



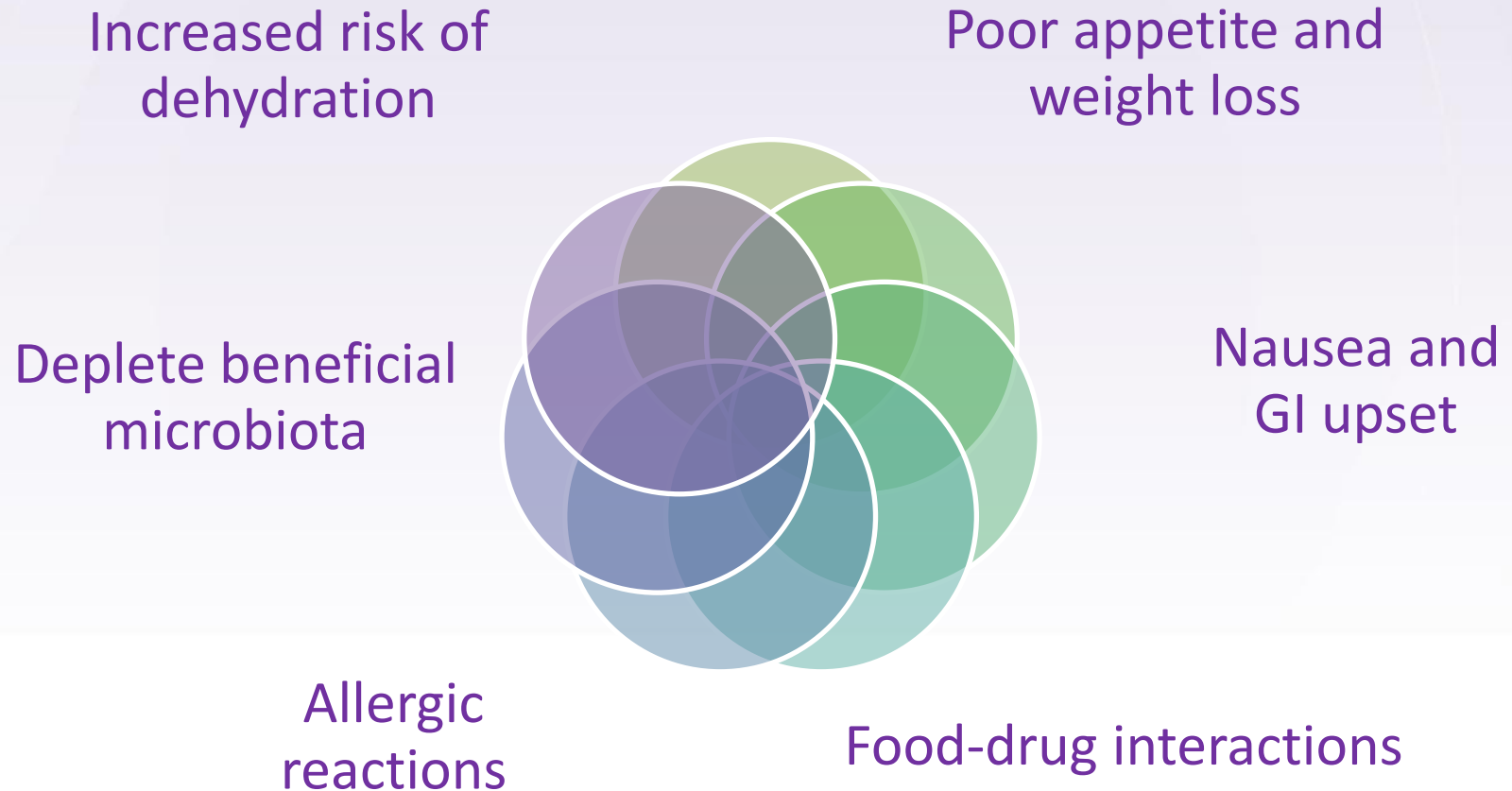
## Total Number of New Antibacterial Agents

0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16



**ANTIBIOTIC  
DEVELOPMENT  
IS DWINDLING**

# Nutritional Issues with Antibiotics



# UTI Impact on Nutritional Status

Increased  
metabolic rate

Decreased  
appetite

Increased  
fluid needs

Risk of  
unintended  
weight loss

What type of nutrition interventions are you currently using in your facility for UTI management?

- A. Cranberry
- B. Hydration
- C. Vitamin C
- D. Other

**CAUTION: Not intended for treatment of existing UTI**




CRANBERRY

PRE/PROBIOTICS

HYDRATION

# Cranberry Use Over the Centuries

- 
- Native Americans used it as management for bladder & kidney diseases
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> research on use of cranberries for urinary health occurred during the 18th century
  - Antifungal & antibacterial properties were observed w/ its compounds



**Cranberries Contain:  
Proanthocyanidins  
(PACs)**

# Cranberry

Cranberry's PACs contain a unique A-type structure, while most other foods contain only the more common B-type PACs



**B-  
PAC**



**A-  
PAC**



# PACs May Have Anti-Adhesion Effect on E.coli

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1. Change the shape from rods to spheres
2. Compress fimbriae
3. Alter the cell membranes



# How Many PACs are Needed?

## Amount for anti-adhesion effect:

- Several studies have shown that 36 mg of PACs are required for beneficial effect
- 10 fl oz of cranberry juice (27-33% cranberry)
- 3,750 mg of cranberry powder
- <1 fl oz cranberry concentrate



# Variation in Cranberry Products

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## **Cranberry Juice:**

- High acidity, polyphenolic content, limited solubility of cranberries limits % (< 27%) in juice


## **Juice Blends:**

- Added juice from other fruits to increase % juice

## **Products <100%:**

- Must contain the words “beverage”, “cocktail”, or “drink” on the label

# Cranberry Formulations

- Liquid cranberry concentrate
- 100% cranberry juice
- Cranberry capsules 
- Cranberry juice cocktail, beverage, drink
- Tablets



*\*Amount of PACs  
may vary*

# How Long Does it Protect?

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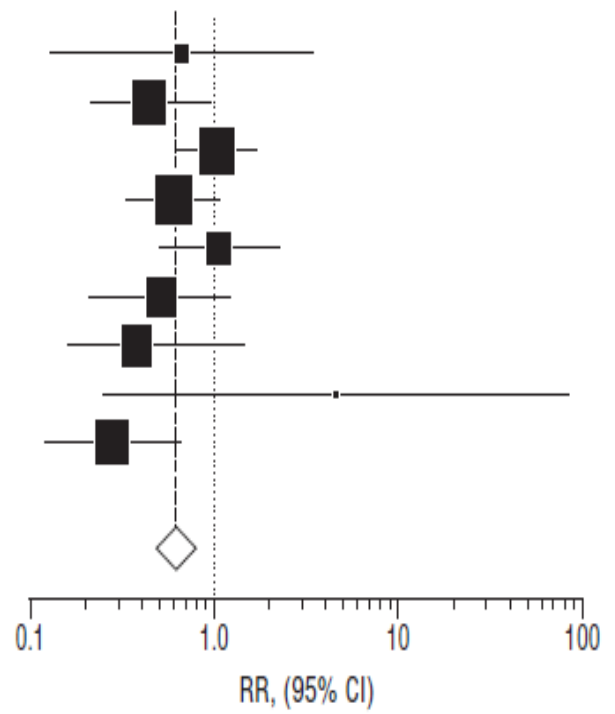


Cranberry products beneficial effect on urinary tract health may start within 2 hrs of consumption & last up to 10 hrs.

# 2012 Meta-Analysis: RTC on UTI Prevention with Cranberry Products



Study	Cranberry		Control		RR (95% CI)	W(fixed), %
	No. of Events	Total No.	No. of Events	Total No.		
Schlager et al, <sup>17</sup> 1999	2	15	3	15	0.67 (0.13-3.44)	2.5
Kontikari et al, <sup>18</sup> 2001	8	50	18	50	0.44 (0.21-0.93)	14.8
McGuinness et al, <sup>19</sup> 2002	21	62	24	73	1.03 (0.64-1.66)	18.1
Stothers et al, <sup>20</sup> 2002	19	100	16	50	0.59 (0.34-1.05)	17.5
Waites et al, <sup>21</sup> 2004	10	26	8	22	1.06 (0.51-2.21)	7.1
McMurdo et al, <sup>22</sup> 2005	7	187	14	189	0.51 (0.21-1.22)	11.4
Hess et al, <sup>23</sup> 2008	6	47	16	47	0.38 (0.16-0.87)	13.2
Wing et al, <sup>24</sup> 2008	4	125	0	63	4.55 (0.25-83.27)	0.5
Ferrara et al, <sup>25</sup> 2009	5	27	18	27	0.28 (0.12-0.64)	14.8
Fixed-effect model Heterogeneity: $I^2 = 43%$ , $P = .08$		<b>639</b>		<b>536</b>	<b>0.62 (0.49-0.80)</b>	<b>100</b>



**Figure 4.** Forest plot: summary effect of cranberry in prevention of urinary tract infection, expressed as risk ratio (RR). W(fixed) indicates weights in fixed-effect Mantel-Haenszel model.

Chih-Hung Wang et al. Cranberry-Containing Products for Prevention of Urinary Tract Infections in Susceptible Populations. *Arch Intern Med.* 2012;172(13):988-996.

## 2004:

- Cranberry had favorable effect

## 2008:

- Cranberry had favorable effect

## 2012:

- Low compliance with study, high drop-out rate likely d/t palatability and acceptability of cranberry juice
- Variety of settings were used (when looking at just the LTC residents...)
- Most studies did not report how much PACs or “active” ingredient was studied
- Therefore, cannot currently recommend cranberry juice



**Conclusion:** Cranberries may be helpful in managing urinary tract health for adults at risk for UTIs Study limitations: product used, drop-out rate

Recommendations for research:

- Form
- Dose
- Dose frequency
- Administration



# 2016 Meta-Analysis Comparison

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***Title:** Cranberries and urinary tract infections: How can the same evidence lead to conflicting advice?*

## **Cochrane:**

- Weighted for physiological concerns

## **Wang:**

- Weighted equally across UTI populations
- FDA published guidance for research
- Distinguish complicated from uncomplicated UTIs

**Conclusion:** Women with recurrent UTIs, cranberries seem to be promising, especially with antimicrobial resistance



# Sorting Out the Research...

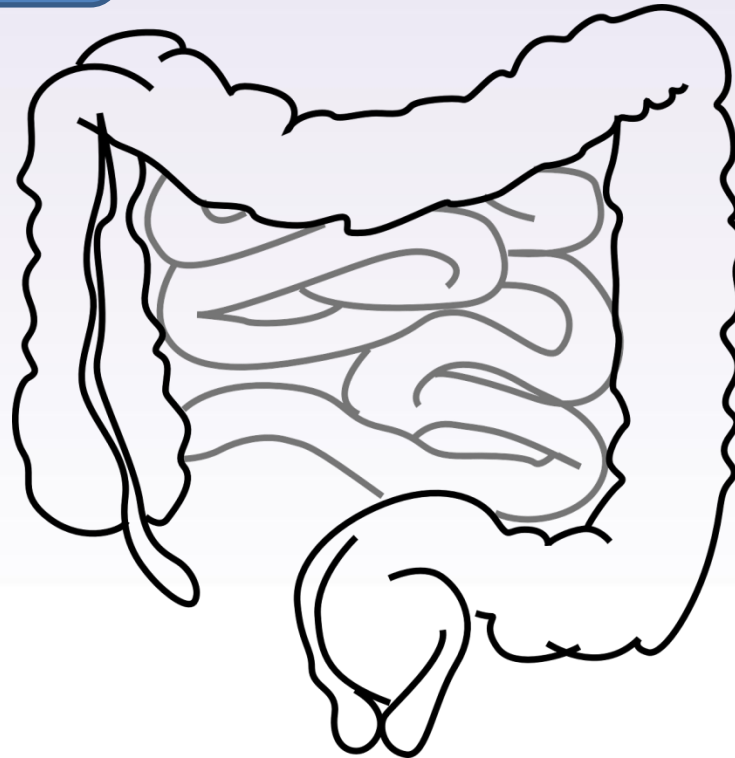
- Due to antibiotic resistance, non-antibiotic options for UTI management will continue to be researched.
- Tips for evaluating research:
  - Look at study basics, researchers, demographics, methods, participants (N number), limitations, need for future research
  - Consider how research applies to your clinical setting



*Aha!*

**Prebiotics**

**Probiotics**



**Colon Health  
Contributes to  
Urinary Tract  
Health**



# Age-Related Changes & Conditions Leading to the Need for Prebiotics and/or Probiotics

Decrease in beneficial intestinal bacteria

Weakening of mucosa allowing bacteria to adhere

Increase in pH allowing bacteria to proliferate

Hormonal changes with aging

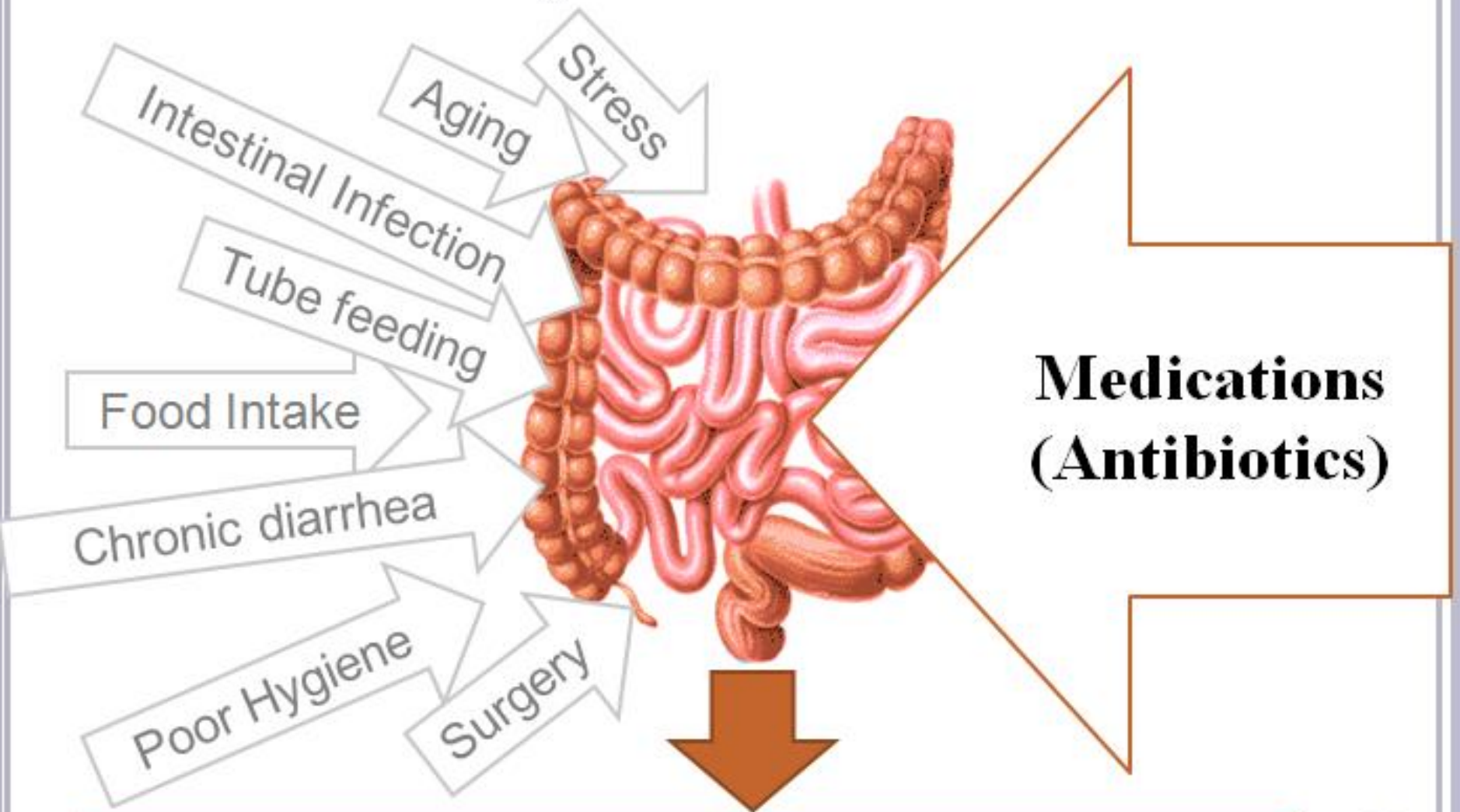
Reduced gastric acid

Impaired intestinal membrane integrity

Reduced gastric acid and GI upset



# Factors Disturbing Intestinal Microbiota



**Medications  
(Antibiotics)**

**A disturbed microbiota makes residents  
extremely susceptible & vulnerable to infection &  
disease**



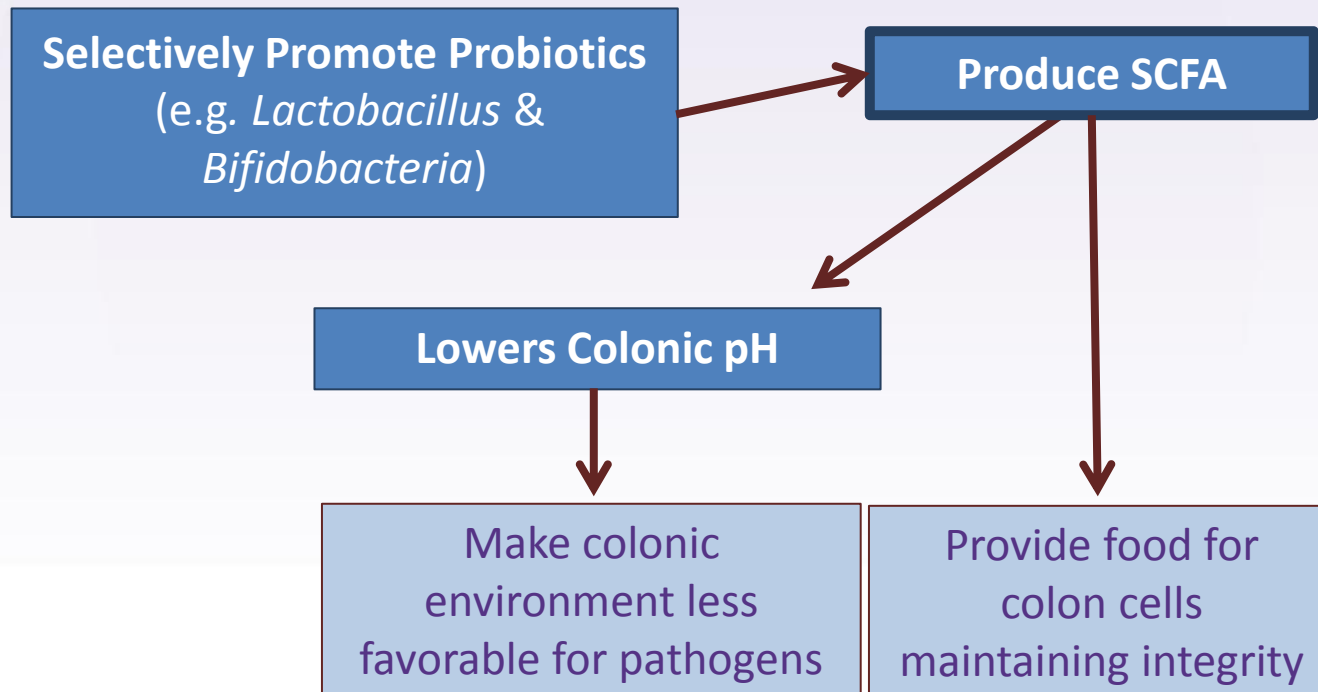
- Classified as a functional fiber:
  - Non-digestible food ingredients that stimulate the growth and/or activity of beneficial bacteria in the digestive system
- Food for probiotics, proliferating their growth
- Common food grade commercial prebiotics:
  - Fructo-oligosaccharides (FOS)
  - Galacto-oligosaccharides (GOS)
  - Lactulose
  - Inulin
  - Polydextrose



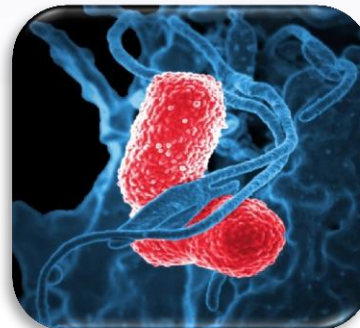
# Prebiotics Beneficial Effects in Older Adults

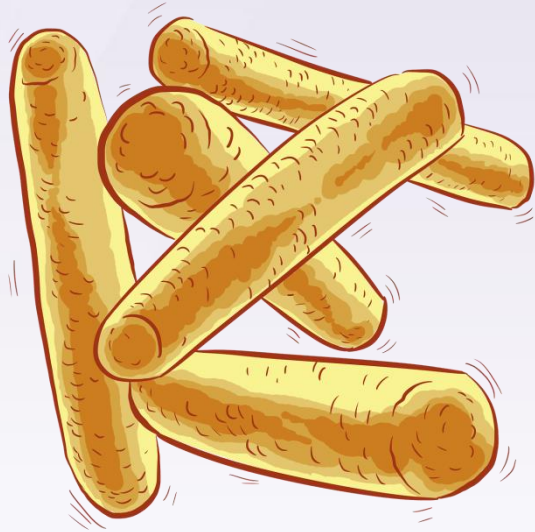
Target	Age (yrs)	Prebiotic	Outcome	Reference
Microbiota composition	69 ± 2	FOS	– bifidobacteria	Bouhnik et al, 2007
	77-97	FOS	– bifidobacteria	Guigoz et al, 2002
	68-89	Inulin	– bifidobacteria	Kleesen et al, 1997
Immune function	84 ± 7	FOS	↓ markers of inflammation	Schiffrin et al, 2007

# Functions of Prebiotics



- Probiotics are **live microorganisms** that have been shown to **confer a health benefit**
- Most Common
  - *Lactobacillus* (bacteria)
  - *Bifidobacterium* (bacteria)
  - *Saccharomyces* (a nonpathogenic yeast)





Lactobacillus effective when combined  
with immune therapy and estrogen  
(Bauer & Bessler, 2016)

## **Systematic Review:**

Favorable results with lactobacillus for urogenital infections  
(Hansen, et al, 2016)

## Key Preventive Measure

- Hydration status identified in MDS 3.0 and nutrition assessment

### Dehydration:

- Active diagnosis triggers Nutritional Status CAA
- CAA triggered by infection (UTI), factor in delirium, falls, mood and behavior CAAs



## French study:

- Primary rate of UTI
- Uncomplicated of 5.3%
- Recurrence rate of 30%



## Impact of adequate hydration:

- Risk reduction of 45% for primary rate and 33% for recurrence
- Significant cost savings by preventing 27 million UTIs

(Bruyere, et al, 2015)



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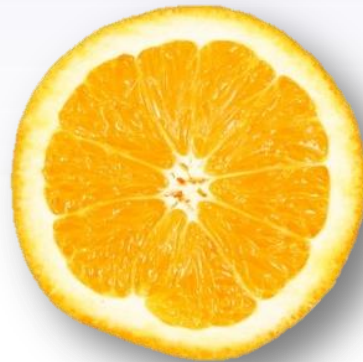
- Recommended by SHEA/APIC as preventive intervention
- Estimated fluid needs
  - Normal needs = 30 mL/kg
  - Minimum 1500 mL/day
  - 1 mL H<sub>2</sub>O per Calorie
  - NCM: up to 2 L/day

# Vitamin C

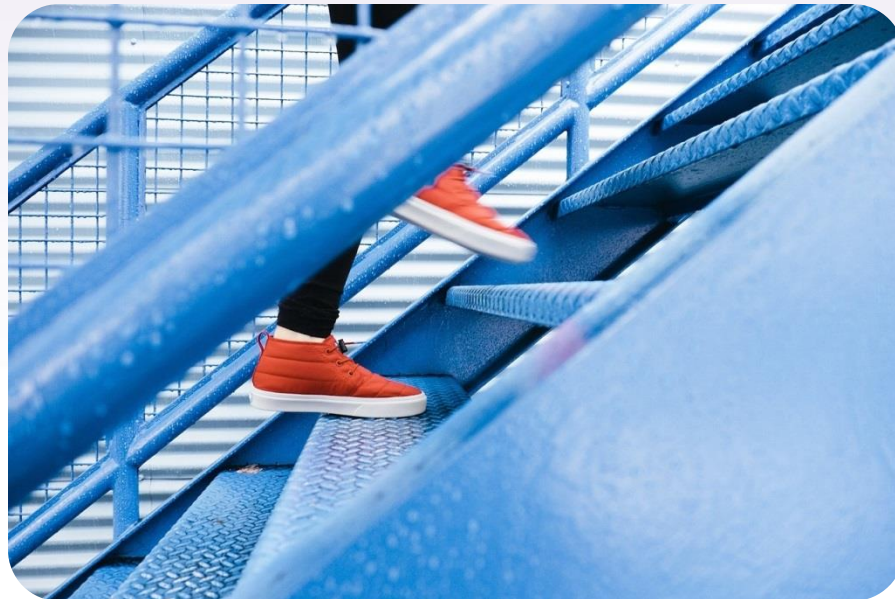
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## Urologists may order supplemental vitamin C theory

- Acidify urine
- Decrease bacterial growth
- Studies are mixed (Beerepoot & Geerlings, 2016)
- Be aware of potential GI upset of vitamin C at high doses



# WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP?



# Next Steps:

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- Be a *Change Champion!*
- Changes in healthcare practices
  - Require commitment
- Educate staff, residents and families
  - Appropriate use of antibiotics
  - ASB treatment may cause:
    - Antibiotic resistance
    - Adverse effects, such as C. diff infections and weight loss
    - Increased cost



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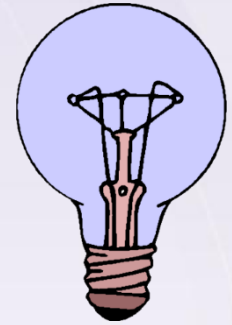
- Education
  - Importance of hygiene
    - Staff and residents
    - Environment
  - Importance of nutrition and hydration
    - Nutrition risk tracking and infections
    - Hydration programs
  - Evaluate and implement UTI management and antibiotic stewardship program
  - Use QAPI program: (Refer to F441, F329, and F428)



# Evidence-Based Practice

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- Agency for Healthcare Research Quality
- Definition: Evidence-Based Decision-making
- *Evidence-based practice is the use of the best available evidence together with a clinician's expertise and a patient's values and preferences in making health care decisions.*



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# Pre & Post Case Study Answers

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