

Table 1

McGeer Criteria for UTI in Nursing Homes⁸

INFECTION /SITE	CRITERIA
UTI in resident without catheter	<p><i>Must have at least 3 of the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Fever ($\geq 100^{\circ}$ F) or chills ▶ Burning pain on urination, or frequency or urgency ▶ Flank or suprapubic pain or tenderness ▶ Change in character of urine ▶ Worsening of mental or functional status
UTI in resident with catheter	<p><i>Must have at least 2 of the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Fever ($\geq 100^{\circ}$ F) or chills ▶ Flank or suprapubic pain or tenderness ▶ Change in character of urine ▶ Worsening of mental or functional status

Table 2

Loeb Criteria for UTI in Nursing Homes¹²

INFECTION OR SITE	CRITERIA
UTI in resident without catheter	<p><i>Acute dysuria or fever (temperature higher than 37.9° C [100° F] or more than 1.5° C [2.4° F] higher than baseline), accompanied by the new or worsening presence of at least one of the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Urgency ▶ Frequency ▶ Suprapubic pain ▶ Gross hematuria ▶ Costovertebral angle tenderness ▶ Urinary incontinence

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