

UTI symptoms: what to watch for

Urinary tract infections are common, but some symptoms need faster or in-person care. This guide can help you prepare for a medical evaluation.

Common symptoms

- Burning or pain when urinating
- Needing to urinate more often or urgently
- Passing small amounts of urine
- Lower abdominal discomfort
- Cloudy, strong-smelling, or blood-tinged urine

Before your visit

Be ready to share when symptoms started, whether you have fever or back pain, any recent UTIs, allergies, current medications, pregnancy status when relevant, and the pharmacy you prefer.

When symptoms need faster care

Seek urgent care now. Prompt in-person evaluation may be needed for high fever, shaking chills, vomiting, severe side or back pain, confusion, pregnancy with urinary symptoms, or rapidly worsening symptoms. Call 911 for a medical emergency.

A note about diagnosis

Other conditions can cause similar symptoms. A clinician will determine whether telemedicine is appropriate and whether testing or in-person care is needed.

This guide is general health education, not medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. It does not replace a conversation with a licensed clinician about your situation. For a medical emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. Motivated Medical Group provides virtual care for adults located in Georgia.