Urine Culture Testing for Bacteria

Medical Mutual of Ohio

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Indications and/or Limitations of Coverage

Testing	Coverage Determination
Pregnant individuals: Urine culture testing (with isolate identification and antibiotic susceptibilities if applicable) for a urinary tract infection (UTI)	☑ Meets coverage criteria
Asymptomatic individuals undergoing urological interventions that breach the mucosa: Urine culture testing (with isolate identification and antibiotic susceptibilities if applicable) prior to the procedure	☑ Meets coverage criteria
Individuals exhibiting one or more signs or symptoms of a possible UTI or bacteriuria (see Note 1): Urine culture testing (with isolate identification and antibiotic susceptibilities if applicable)	☑ Meets coverage criteria
To assess pyelonephritis: Urine culture testing (with isolate identification and antibiotic susceptibilities if applicable)	☑ Meets coverage criteria
All other instances of asymptomatic UTI or asymptomatic bacteriuria not described above: Urine culture testing (with isolate identification and antibiotic susceptibilities if applicable)	☒ Does not meet coverage criteria
For individuals who show evidence of clinical resolution of infection: Follow-up urine culture testing for an uncomplicated UTI	☒ Does not meet coverage criteria
Urine culture testing as part of initial screening for asymptomatic prostatitis or assessment of prostate biopsy: Urine culture testing (with isolate identification and antibiotic susceptibilities if applicable)	☒ Does not meet coverage criteria

Note 1 - Signs and Symptoms of UTI/Bacteriuria

Fever, urgency, frequency, dysuria, suprapubic tenderness, pyuria, hematuria, cloudy urine, flank pain, nausea, vomiting, chills, night sweats, pelvic pressure, odor change, abnormal urinalysis findings.

To view the complete policy, please refer to the Medical Mutual website referenced below:
https://www.medmutual.com/-/media/MedMutual/Files/Providers/Laboratory-Management-Program-Policies-V2/Urine-Culture-Testing-for-Bacteria---G2156.pdf

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