Asymptomatic Bacteriuria, Female

Your urine study shows germs (*bacteria*) in your urine. You do not have the usual symptoms of burning or frequent urination. This is why it is called asymptomatic. This can be tested by a culture. You may need treatment with antibiotics. Antibiotics are medications which kill the germs. Treatment is especially important if you are pregnant. Sometimes this condition can progress to a more severe bladder or kidney infection. Symptoms of this include: burning when urinating, back pain, fever, nausea or vomiting.

If you have been prescribed an antibiotic, it is very important that you take all your medicine. Do this even when you do not have symptoms. Drink enough water and fluids to keep your urine clear or pale yellow. Go to the bathroom more frequently to keep your bladder more empty. Keep the area around the vagina and rectum clean. Wipe yourself from front to back after urinating. Call your caregiver to arrange for follow-up care.

SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE IF YOU DEVELOP:

- Repeated vomiting.
- Severe back or abdominal pain.
- Abnormal vaginal discharge or bleeding.
- Blood in the urine.
- Cramping or abdominal pain.
- You have an oral temperature above 102° F (38.9° C), not controlled by medicine.

If you are pregnant and develop any of the above problems see your caregiver or seek care immediately.

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