

Top 10 research priorities for chronic or recurrent urinary tract infections (UTIs)

The Top 10	
1	What are the best ways to diagnose chronic and recurrent UTIs? Do they need different diagnostic tests?
2	What are the best ways to treat people with chronic or recurrent UTIs who cannot tolerate antibiotics or have become resistant?
3	Do bacteria develop a biofilm and / or become embedded in the bladder wall to cause a chronic or recurrent UTI? If yes, why and how does this happen? How can this be stopped or treated?
4	What are the best ways to treat the pain caused by chronic and recurrent UTIs?
5	How can the body's immune response be enhanced to make it easier for people to fight off chronic or recurrent UTIs?
6	Does ineffective treatment of UTIs (e.g. too short a dose of antibiotics) lead to chronic or recurrent UTIs?
7	How can treatment of chronic or recurrent UTIs be tailored to the individual and the root cause of their problems?
8	What are the impacts on children with chronic and recurrent UTIs and their families, when the child's symptoms are disbelieved?
9	What are the safest and most effective ways to prevent UTIs coming back?
10	Is phage therapy (viruses that destroy bacteria) effective for people with chronic and recurrent UTIs?