Healthcare Resource Use and Costs Associated With Oral Antibiotic Treatment Failure in **Uncomplicated Urinary Tract Infection in the US**

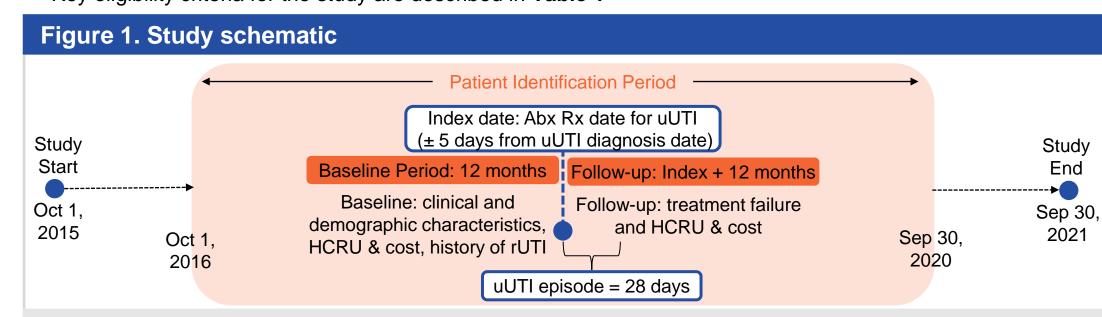
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Introduction

- Urinary tract infections (UTIs) are among the most common bacterial infections worldwide¹
- Despite the availability of a variety of antibiotics for the treatment of uncomplicated UTI (uUTI),² many patients still experience treatment failure³
- Treatment failure in uUTIs has a public health impact, as additional antibiotic prescriptions can lead to antibiotic resistance, drug-related adverse events, and increased healthcare costs in female patients with uUTI1,3
- · This study assessed the burden of oral antibiotic treatment failure in female outpatients with uUTI in the United States (US)

- This retrospective cohort study used data from Optum's de-identified Clinformatics Data Mart Database (Commercial and Medicare Advantage plans) for patients with ≥ 1 claim and a primary or secondary diagnosis of uUTI (ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes N30.00, N30.01, N30.90, and N39.0) in an outpatient office or outpatient emergency room setting between October 1, 2016, and September 30, 2020 (Figure 1)
- Key eligibility criteria for the study are described in **Table 1**



Abx, antibiotic; HCRU, healthcare resource use; rUTI, recurrent urinary tract infection; Rx, prescription.

Table 1. Key eligibility criteria for the study Key exclusion criteria **Key inclusion criteria** Female Evidence of complicated UTI Received intravenous antibiotic ± 5 days from index or Aged ≥ 18 years • ≥ 1 outpatient uUTI diagnosis between October 10, 2016 received multiple oral antibiotics (at index) • Complicating comorbidities (e.g., ESRD, malignancy with and September 9, 2020 Oral antibiotic prescription within ± 5 days of diagnosis immunosuppression therapy) (baseline or index) HIV/AIDS (baseline or index) ≥ 1 year of continuous health plan enrollment pre- and Functional or anatomical abnormalities of the urinary tract post-index date (baseline or index) Pregnancy (at baseline or index) Inpatient hospital admission 3 months prior or 2 days post index (indicating nosocomial UTI) AIDS, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome; ESRD, end-stage renal disease; HIV, human immunodeficiency virus.

- Patients were categorized as having evidence of treatment failure if they: received a second oral antibiotic prescription of interest; received intravenous antibiotics of interest; or had a second primary diagnosis of UTI in an acute care setting (emergency room or inpatient) within 28 days of index date
- A uUTI episode was defined as a period of 28 days; in patients who experienced treatment failure, the length of the uUTI episode was extended from the date of treatment failure for an additional 28 days
- HCRU and costs were assessed for the index uUTI episode
- Satterthwaite approximation statistical testing was used to calculate p-values to account for two different sample variances

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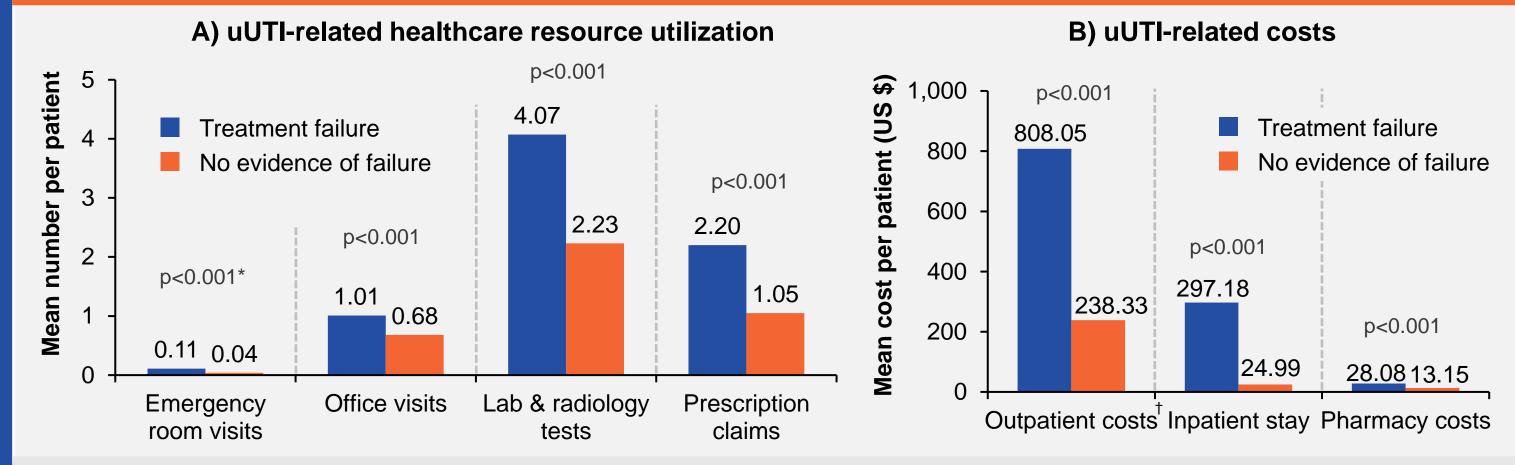
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Results

- 238,335 patients were included in this study; 12.3% had evidence of treatment failure (Table 2)
- Treatment failure was associated with significantly higher rates of uUTI-related HCRU across all categories (Figure 2A)
- uUTI-related outpatient costs were significantly higher for patients with treatment failure versus those without failure (Figure 2B)
- Of 29,333 patients with treatment failure, 45.3% were treated with nitrofurantoin (NTF) as first line Abx, followed by fluoroquinolones (FQ; 26.8%), sulfonamides (SXT; 24.1%), β-lactams (BL; 3.7%), and Fosfomycin (FO; 0.1%) (Figure 3)
- **Treatment failure rates were highest for** FO (21.5%), followed by BL (15.5%), SXT (14.4%), NTF (12.2%), and FQ (10.2%) (Figure 3)

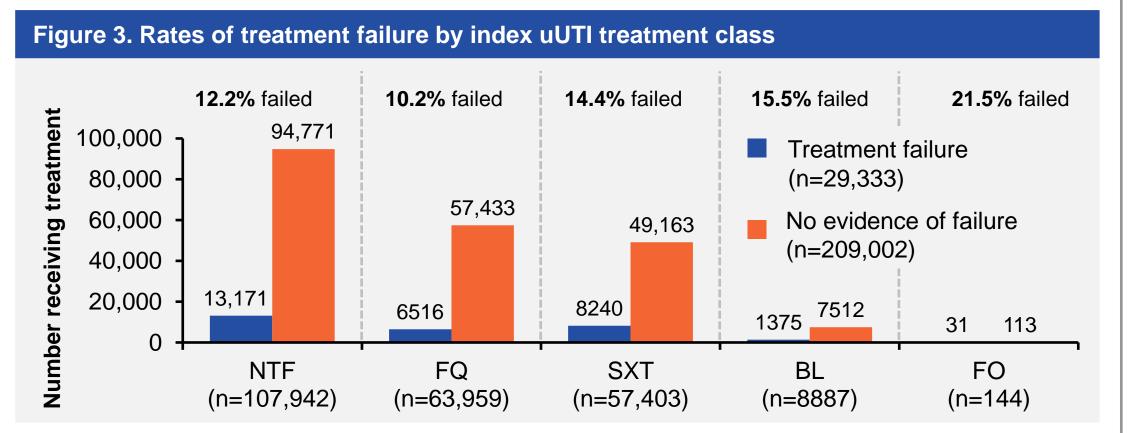




†Outpatient costs were defined as: emergency room, outpatient hospital visit, office visit, laboratory and radiology test, home health, durable medical equipment, and outpatient 'other' costs.

*Satterthwaite approximation statistical test was used to calculate the p-values to account for two different sample variances.

Table 2. Baseline patient demographics by subgroup No evidence of Evidence of All uUTI patients treatment failure treatment failure 238,335 (100.0) 209,002 (87.7) **Number of patients**, n (%) 29,333 (12.3) Age, mean (SD) 54.0 (20.3) 56.5 (19.8) 53.6 (20.3) 0.55 (1.09) CCI, mean (SD) 0.49 (1.05) 0.49 (1.04) **Proportion of outpatients**, n (%) 40,174 (16.9) **Emergency room visits** 5347 (18.2) 34,827 (16.7) Outpatient hospital visits 13,243 (45.2) 102,026 (42.8) 88,783 (42.5) Office visits 221,824 (93.1) 27,632 (94.2) 194,192 (92.9) Lab/imaging tests 211,864 (88.9) 26,614 (90.7) 185,250 (88.6) 1437 (4.90) 8224 (3.93) Home health visits 9661 (4.05) DME claims 7176 (3.01) 1044 (3.56) 6132 (2.93) Other outpatient claims 86,882 (36.5) 11,414 (38.9) 75,468 (36.1) CCI, Charlson Comorbidity Index; DME, durable medical equipment; SD, standard deviation.



Conclusions

- Our results were consistent with the range of treatment failure in published literature, 4,5 with ~12% of patients experiencing treatment failure of first-line antibiotic prescription in uUTI
- Treatment failure was associated with significantly higher HCRU and outpatient costs, demonstrating an increased burden of disease for patients with uUTI who experience treatment failure. Therefore, a greater understanding of the risk factors for treatment failure is needed to inform antibiotic prescribing for patients with uUTI



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