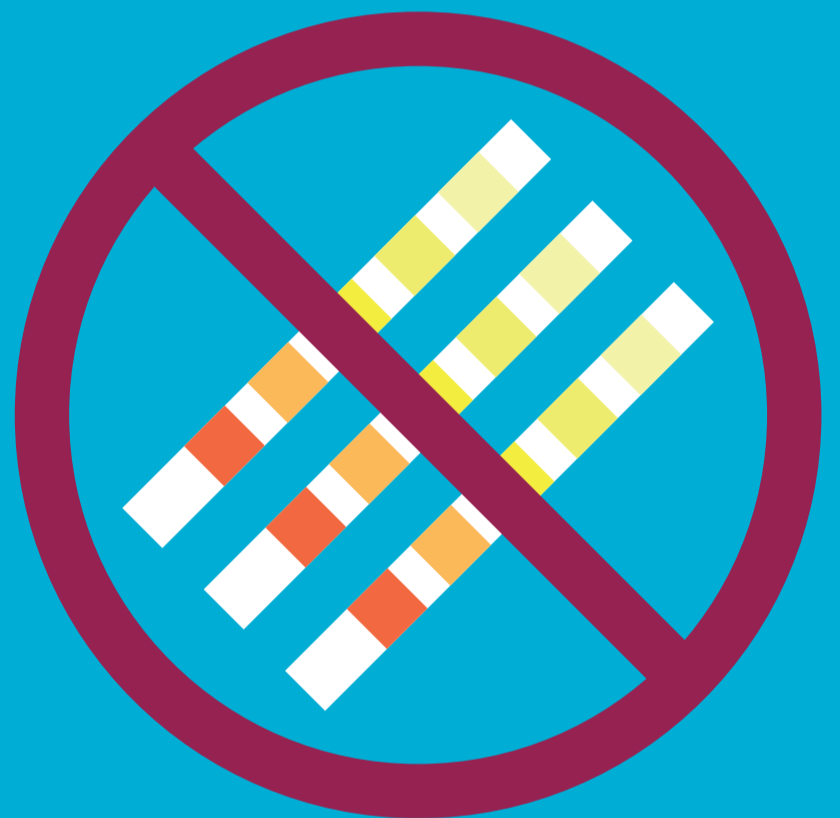


# SKIP THE DIP

## for urinary tract infection (UTI) in people over 65 years

- Bacteria in the urine can be normal and not cause harm in older people. This is called asymptomatic bacteriuria.
- Dipstick urine tests are not recommended to assess for evidence of UTI in people aged 65 years and over.
- Assessment for UTI should be based on clinical signs and symptoms.
- Refer to the HSE Decision Aid for Management of Suspected UTIs on [www.antibioticprescribing.ie](http://www.antibioticprescribing.ie)



Taking antibiotics when you don't need them can harm your health and cause superbugs. This may make antibiotics less likely to work when they are really necessary.

