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UTI is very common and affects all ages and both sexes. It can cause significant morbidity and is a rare cause of mortality in patients with serious comorbidities or in patients with urinary tract obstruction. Recurrent UTI is more common in women, affecting 30–40% in the sexually active age group. It can be defined as an inflammatory response of the urothelium (host) - to invading bacteria. Asymptomatic colonisation or bacteriuria (ABU) is also common and can be differentiated from a UTI by the absence of symptoms and pyuria (leukocytes in urine).

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