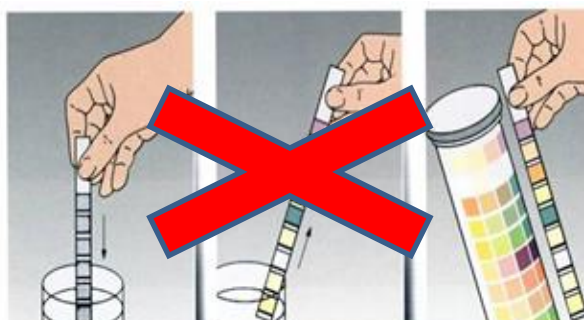


## Did you know? . .

- Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs) are the second most common cause for antibiotics prescribed in the community, the most severe form of UTI (a bloodstream infection) is of growing concern nationally, therefore accurate diagnosis and appropriate treatment of UTIs are a priority
- Bacteria in the urine of older people does not always mean an infection is present - up to **40%** of men and **50%** of women **over 65 years** and **100%** of people with a **urinary catheter** will have 'asymptomatic bacteriuria' – when bacteria live harmlessly in the bladder without causing any signs of infection



- **DO NOT** routinely dip urine samples in people over 65 years
- **DO NOT** use dipstick testing to diagnose UTI in adults with urinary catheters
- Prescribers should refer to **Pan Mersey** and **Public Health England** guidelines for diagnosis and treatment of UTI