

Antimicrobial Stewardship through the Characterization of Inappropriate Antibiotic Therapy for Urinary Tract Infections in the Emergency Department

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Background

- Urinary tract infections (UTIs) account for > 25 million ED visits per year
- Clinicians in the ED lack the tools to determine microbial presence in patients with uncomplicated UTI, resulting in empiric decision-making regarding treatment.¹
- Current IDSA guidelines recommend fluoroquinolones (FQ) as first line for acute pyelonephritis only; treatment of cystitis should include nitrofurantoin or TMP-SMX (where local resistance rates <20%)²
- **Our hospital wide antibiogram reports the following resistance rates for common uropathogens :**

	Ciprofl oxacin	TMP- SMX	Ceftriax one
Enterococcus spp.	29	*	*
S. aureus	55	5	*
E. coli	35	35	7
K. pneumonia	16	22	17
P. mirabilis	28	23	5

Objectives

- Determine rates of inappropriate use of broad spectrum antibiotics for patients that meet the criteria for uncomplicated UTI per the 2012 IDSA guidelines.
- Define rates and identify predictors of inappropriate antimicrobial use in the ED

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Methods

- Prospective observational study of females between 18 and 65 exhibiting signs of UTI in an inner-city academic ED.
- Enrollment conducted Monday to Friday, 8 am-7 pm, and Saturday to Sunday, 9am-5pm.
- Clinical decision-making at discretion of the individual healthcare provider.
- Demographic, behavioral, and clinical data collected by direct patient interview, and treatment information collected from the healthcare provider.
- SAS 9.3 was used for all analyses.

Results

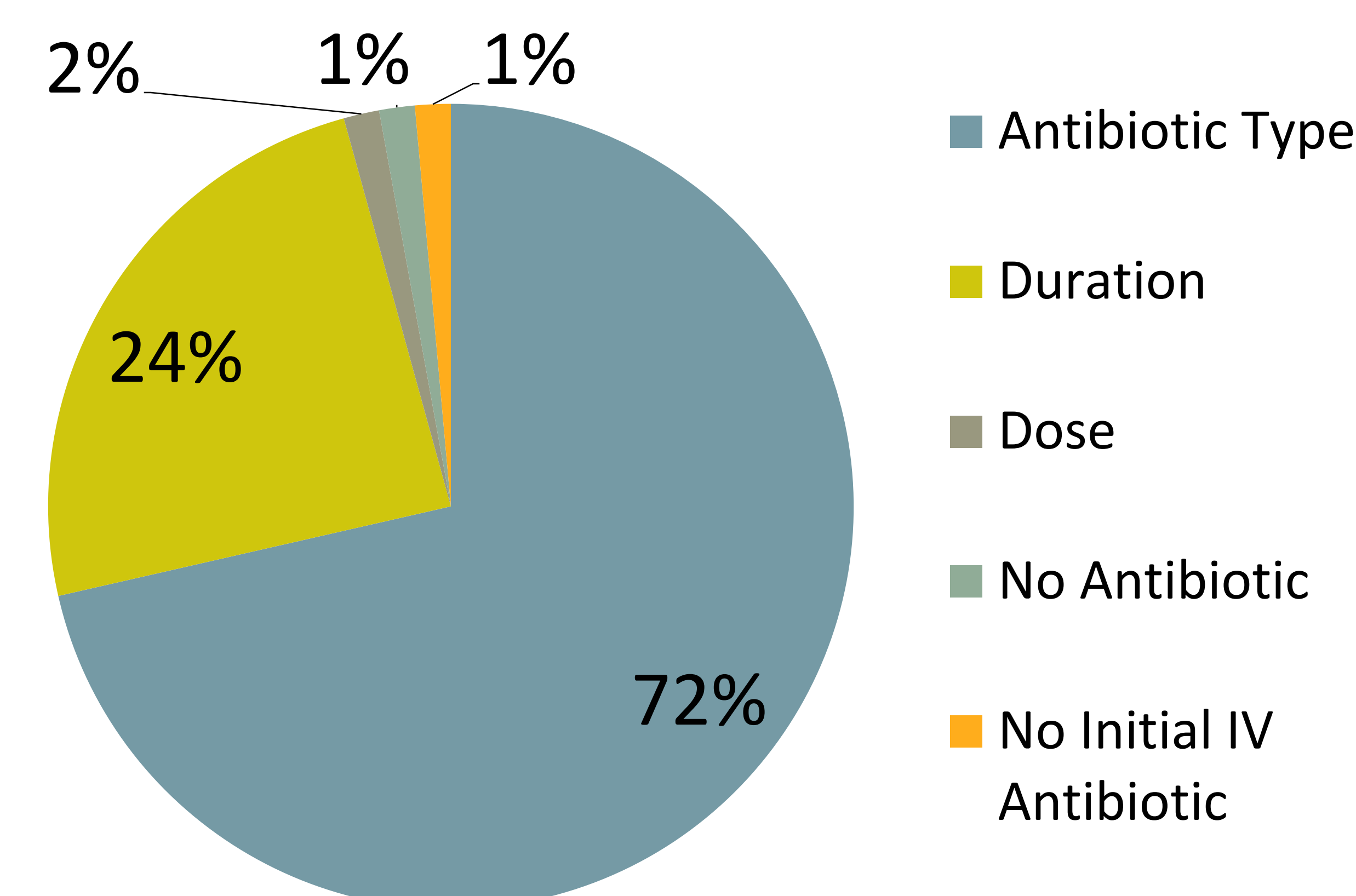
- 150 patients enrolled
- 70 excluded from analysis due not meeting definition of uncomplicated UTI

PATIENT AND UTI CHARACTERISTICS

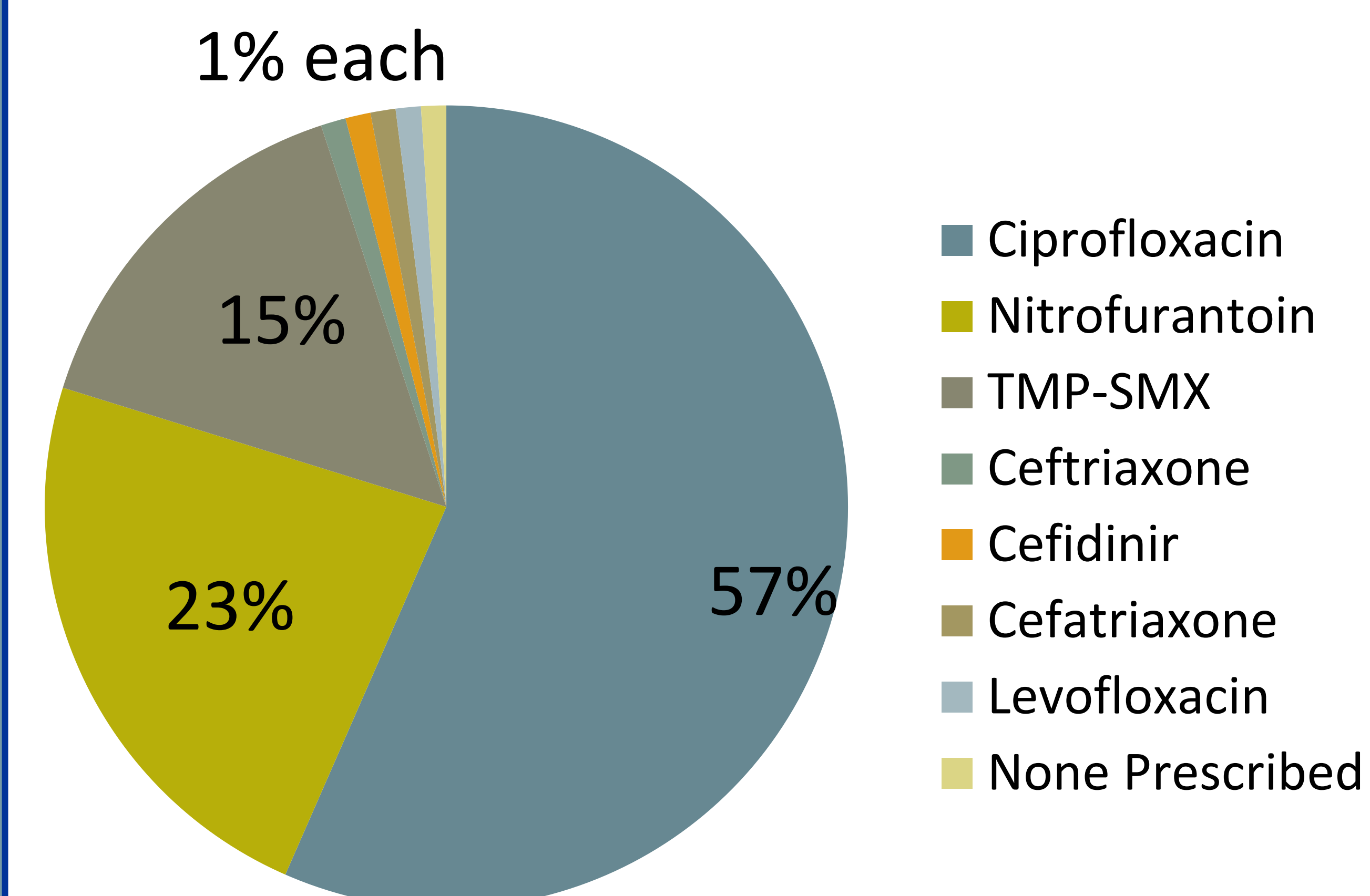
Characteristic (N=80)	Frequency (%)
Age (years)	Mean= 30.8 (18-64)
Race	59% Black 25% White 7% Hispanic 9% Other
Sexually Active	79%
Prior History of UTI	58%
Onset of Symptoms (days)	Mean= 4.26 (0-30)
Clinical Diagnosis	64% UTI; Site Unspecified 18% Pyelonephritis 15% Cystitis 3% Other
Fever	10%
Flank and/or back pain	47%

DESCRIPTION OF NONADHERENCE

- Management of **69% (55)** of cases did not adhere to IDSA guidelines.



ANTIBIOTICS USED



PREDICTORS OF NONADHERENCE

Characteristic	p-value, OR, and 95% CL
Prior History Of UTI	OR=0.21, 95% CL (0.06, 0.77) p=0.019
Nitrites	OR=0.19, 95% CL (0.05, 0.73) p=0.015

Preliminary Conclusions

- Majority of UTI treatment does not adhere to 2011 IDSA recommendations.
- Of 37 patients who reported no fever or flank/back pain, 63% (23) received ciprofloxacin and 35% (8) of those had antibiotic duration ≥4 days, indicating tendency of overtreatment in ED
- **Patients with prior history of UTI and positive nitrites in a urinalysis were less likely to receive non-adherent treatment.**
- Provider type was not significantly associated with non-adherence

Limitations

- Small convenience sample limited to single institution
- Final ICD-9 codes not necessarily reflective of working diagnosis
- Not all clinically related factors that might have necessitated antibiotic prescription could be accounted for in this study

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