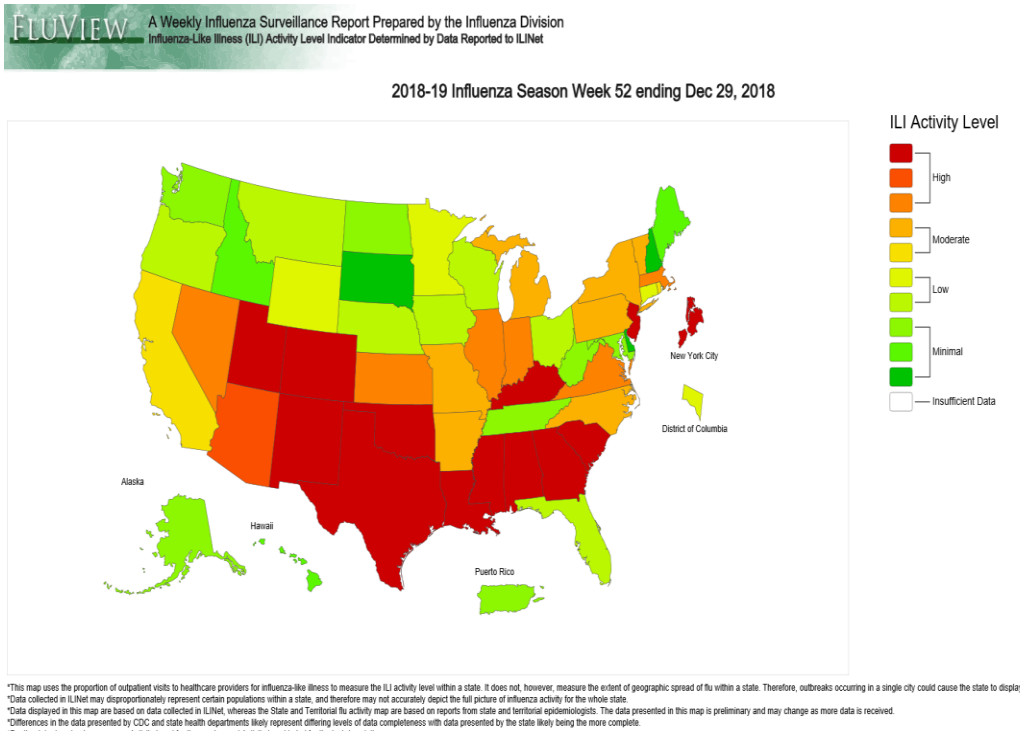

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PENICILLIN ALLERGY

Penicillin allergy is the most commonly reported drug allergy in the US, however 80-90% of individuals with 'self-reported' allergies are ABLE to tolerate penicillin drugs. It is important to question patients about these allergies to avoid exposing them to broader-spectrum antibiotics unnecessarily.

FLU UPDATE

Influenza activity is on the rise, with most subtypes being identified at H1N1 so far this season. Please see the above picture from the CDC website depicting activity nationwide.

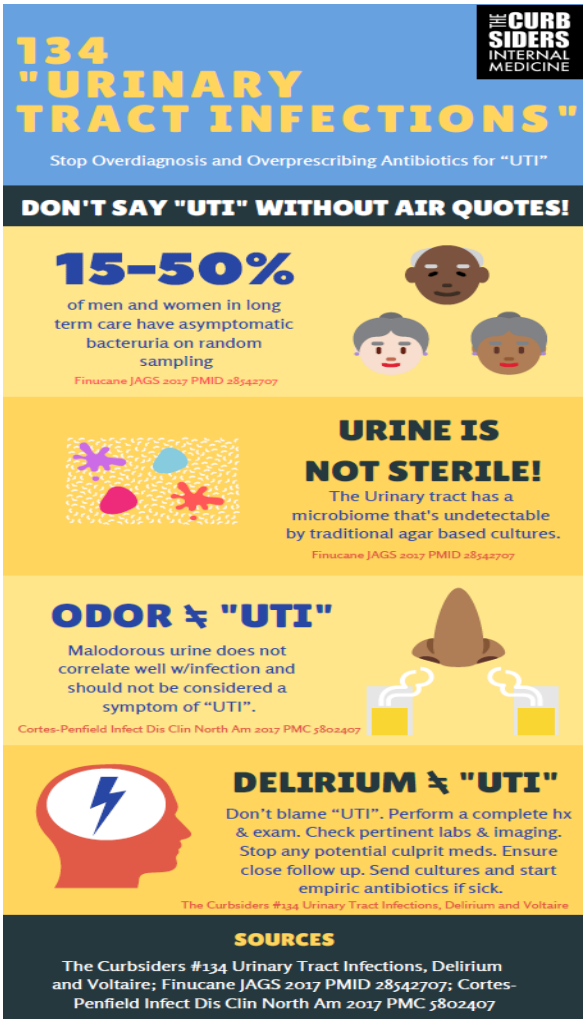
Don't forget to test your patients for influenza if they are complaining of symptoms such as fever, URI, and myalgias, as influenza activity continues throughout the winter, and usually peaks in February.

https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm

Question of the Month

It is not recommended to treat **asymptomatic** bacteriuria, except for a few situations. What are some examples of when you **should** treat?

1. Pregnancy
2. Planned urologic intervention
3. Renal transplant recipients



ID website for resources:
http://www.venturafamilymed.org/rotations/infectious-disease