Upper Respiratory Tract Infections Chart Full Illustrated

Upper Respiratory Tract Infections (URTIs) are a common group of infections that affect the nose, throat, and sinuses. They are caused by a variety of viruses and bacteria, and can range in severity from mild to severe.

This chart provides a comprehensive overview of the most common URTIs, including their symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention.



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Common Upper Respiratory Tract Infections

Infection	Symptoms	Diagnosis	Treatment	Prevention
Common cold	Runny nose, congestion, sore throat,	Clinical examination	Rest, fluids, over-the-	Frequent handwashing, avoiding

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	cough, sneezing		counter medications	contact with sick people
Flu	Fever, chills, muscle aches, fatigue, headache, cough, sore throat, runny nose	Clinical examination, rapid influenza diagnostic test	Rest, fluids, antiviral medications (if prescribed)	Flu vaccine, frequent handwashing, avoiding contact with sick people
Strep throat	Sore throat, fever, headache, swollen lymph nodes, white or yellow patches on the tonsils	Throat culture	Antibiotics	Avoiding contact with sick people, frequent handwashing
Bronchitis	Cough, wheezing, chest pain, shortness of breath	Clinical examination, chest X-ray	Rest, fluids, cough suppressants, bronchodilators (if prescribed)	Smoking cessation, avoiding air pollution
Pneumonia	Fever, chills, cough, shortness of	Clinical examination, chest X-ray	Antibiotics, hospitalization (if necessary)	Pneumonia vaccine, avoiding

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	breath, chest pain			smoking and air pollution
Sinusitis	Facial pain and pressure, nasal congestion, runny nose, cough	Clinical examination, CT scan	Nasal sprays, antibiotics (if prescribed)	Avoiding allergens, using a humidifier

When to See a Doctor

Most URTIs are mild and will resolve on their own within a few days. However, it is important to see a doctor if you have any of the following symptoms:

- Fever over 101 degrees Fahrenheit
- Severe headache
- Shortness of breath
- Chest pain
- Confusion
- Vomiting or diarrhea

Treatment

The treatment for URTIs depends on the specific infection. Most URTIs can be treated at home with rest, fluids, and over-the-counter medications.

However, some URTIs, such as strep throat and pneumonia, require antibiotics.

Prevention

There are a number of things you can do to prevent URTIs, including:

- Frequent handwashing
- Avoiding contact with sick people
- Getting vaccinated against the flu and pneumonia
- Smoking cessation
- Avoiding air pollution
- Using a humidifier

URTIs are a common group of infections that can range in severity from mild to severe. This chart provides a comprehensive overview of the most common URTIs, including their symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention. By understanding these infections, you can take steps to protect yourself and your loved ones.

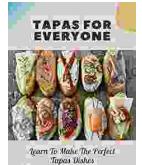


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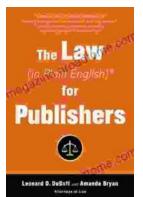




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