

## INFECTIONS

Infections at the end of life are common, and expected

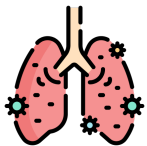
### Common types of infection



**Urinary** - 'UTIs' especially if there is a catheter in the bladder



**Skin** - Most often from ulcers developing at pressure points ('Pressure Ulcers') from being unable to change position



**Lung** - From aspiration of normal secretions or from liquids or food taken by mouth

### What is done

- > It important to understand that not all infections can or should be treated
- > Typically, urinary infections may be treated with antibiotics
- > Skin breakdown, ulcers are usually treated with local measures (Creams, Dressings)

- The hospice team will concentrate on skin care at the time of each visit ([Click here for more info on skin care](#))
- Lung infections are more complicated, and often antibiotics do more harm than good or simply do not work
  
- Dying from, with dementia, is usually the result of recurrent infections, especially pneumonia
- This is what happens, what is expected at this stage, and is largely unavoidable
- Giving antibiotics often do not help as they need a healthier body in order to work as intended