

Determining Infections Present on Admission (POA)

1. The period from 3 days before to 3 days after the culture date, a total of 7 calendar days, is defined as the 7-day infection window period (IWP).
2. If the patient exhibits any of the following symptoms during the IWP, the earliest date is designated as the date of infection (DOE):
 - Fever ($>38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$); if the patient did not use a catheter on the day of the fever and the day before, and the patient is older than 65 years, this symptom is not considered valid.
 - Suprapubic tenderness
 - Costovertebral angle pain or tenderness
 - Urinary urgency; not applicable if the patient has a catheter on that day
 - Urinary frequency; not applicable if the patient has a catheter on that day
 - Dysuria; not applicable if the patient has a catheter on that day
 - For patients aged ≥ 1 year, valid symptoms also include low body temperature (rectal temperature $<36.0^{\circ}\text{C}$), apnea, bradycardia, lethargy, and vomiting.
3. If the date of infection (DOE) is 2 days before admission, 1 day before admission, the day of admission (Day 1), or the day after admission (Day 2), it is classified as POA.