



Dementia Education

JOANNA FROM COLORADO SPRINGS

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Listen to Joanna, a PAC Core Team Member who is living with dementia, share her response to a recent advertisement for an antipsychotic medication to be used to “reduce agitation” in people living with Alzheimer's.

Joanna lives in Colorado Springs and is a lovely woman. She is a valuable member of the Best Practices in Dementia Care Group in Colorado Springs.

Teepa Snow's YouTube channel has a lot of free videos for dementia education and discussion,

[Teepa Snow's Positive Approach to Care - YouTube](#)

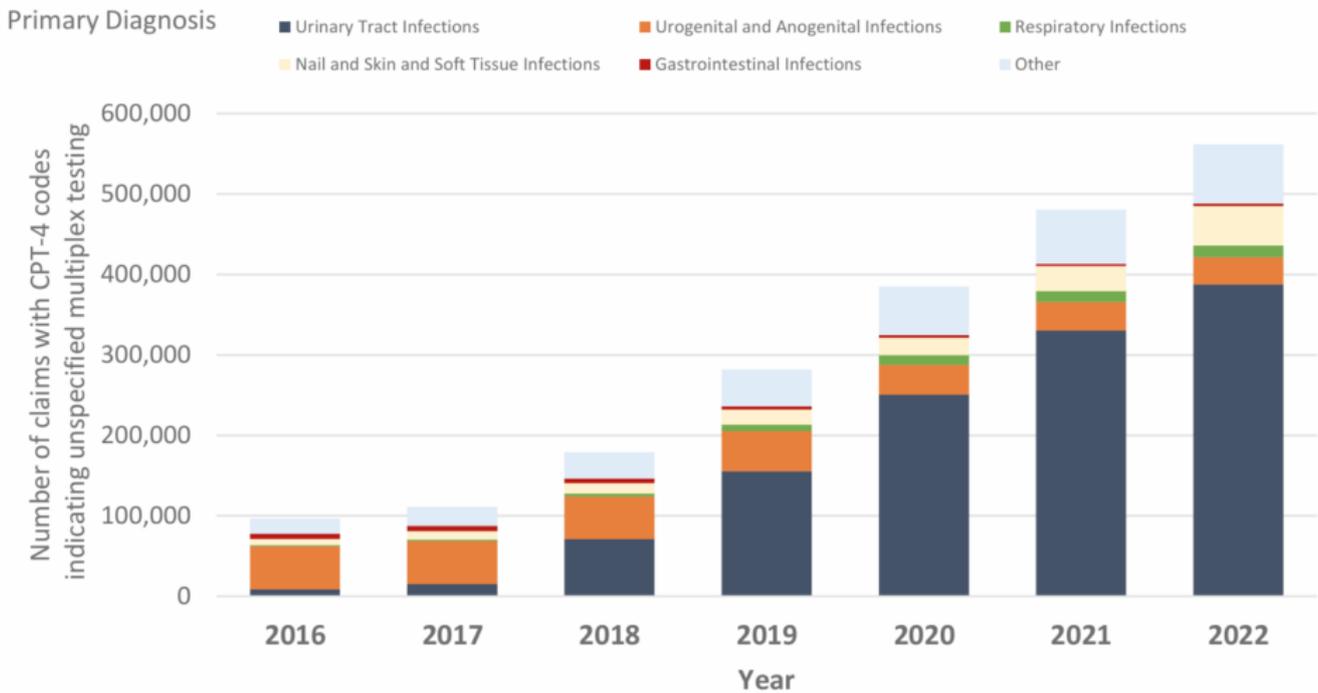
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Urine PCR Testing Poster from SHEA (Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America)

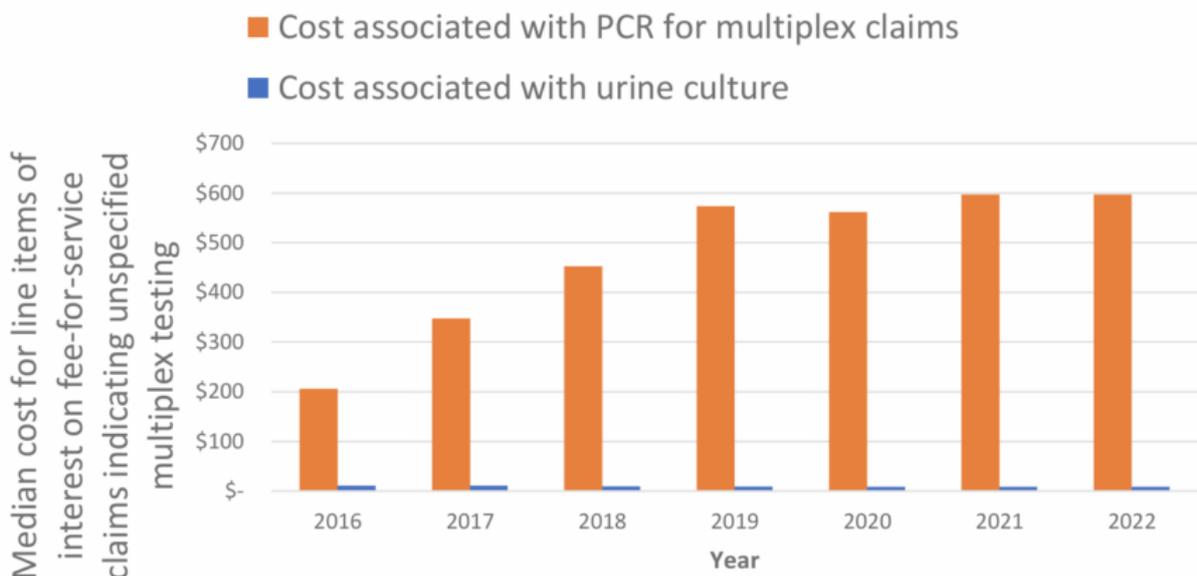
- Use of PCR testing for Urinary Tract Infection testing has dramatically increased.
- It is not approved for this use by CMS.
- The cost of using PCR testing of urine is approximately \$500 per claim (per test)
- The cost of the gold standard test, Urine Culture, is much less: \$30-\$150 dollars.



Number of fee-for-service Medicare claims indicative of unspecified multiplex testing by year, 2016–2022



Median costs per claim for line items on carrier claims with CPT-4 codes indicating unspecified multiplex tests with primary diagnosis of UTI were **over \$500** per claim in recent years and substantially more than line items associated with urine culture





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