

Can My Cat Catch a UTI from Me?

Owner is worried cat could catch a urinary tract infection.

Q: I just found out from my doctor that the urinary tract infection I have been fighting might also be an E. coli infection. Is there any danger to my cats? Is such a transmission possible between humans and cats?

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A: Rest assured, there is no danger to your cat. Urinary tract infections are not transmissible between people and cats, nor are they transmissible from cat to cat. E. coli is a very common urinary tract pathogen and also is the most common organism isolated from cats with urinary tract infections.

Regards,
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