Updated recommendations include:

**Eligible population**
Healthy adults 18 years or older with clinical suspicion of uncomplicated acute bronchitis

**Assessment**
Assess the likelihood of uncomplicated acute bronchitis using the following items:
- Acute respiratory infection (ARI): cough, with or without sputum production lasting up to (or ≤) 3 weeks

**Diagnosis**
Presumed diagnosis of acute bronchitis:
- No clinical evidence of pneumonia, respiratory distress, hypoxemia or sepsis
- Chest x-ray can be considered if: pulse > 100, respirations > 24, fever > 38°C (100.4°F) oral, exam shows lung consolidation

**Education and counseling**
- Educate patient/family use of antibiotics is not recommended
- Acute bronchitis is a self-limited respiratory disorder, with cough, lasting up to 3 weeks
- Rest and increase oral fluid intake; avoid smoke and second-hand smoke

**For patients:**
See a healthcare professional if you have:
- Temperature higher than 100.4°F
- Cough with bloody mucus
- Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
- Symptoms that last more than 3 weeks
- Repeated episodes of bronchitis