



GBS

Group B *Streptococcus*

Did you know Group B *Streptococcus* (GBS) disease is the leading cause of newborn infection?

An expectant mother can pass a GBS infection to their baby during childbirth.



1 in 4 pregnant women carry GBS in their body.

The best way to know GBS colonization status of an expectant mother is to test. It is important not to miss any GBS positives to ensure the best outcome for newborns.



Approximately 50% of expectant mothers will transmit GBS.

Expectant mothers who are colonized with GBS can transmit the bacteria to their newborns during childbirth.



Expectant mothers who test positive for GBS are not sick, but the bacteria can put newborns at risk.

GBS is a leading cause of meningitis and bloodstream infections in newborns.



There are ways to prevent early-onset Group B Strep (GBS) infections in newborns.

Testing for GBS during week 36-37 of pregnancy is the best way to prevent early-onset GBS infection in newborns.



GBS positive mothers should receive antibiotics during labor.

If appropriate and timely antibiotic therapy is not given, there's a 1 in 200 chance the baby will develop GBS disease.



GBS disease can be life threatening.

According to the CDC, 3 out of 50 babies will die from GBS infection.

Talk to your doctor about GBS today!



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