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**Survey of Hospital Obstetric Program Policies**  
**on the**  
**Prevention of Neonatal Group B Streptococcal Disease**

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Please return by \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ :

Local surveillance officer name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**This survey is designed to assess policies on the prevention of neonatal Group B Streptococcal disease in hospital obstetric programs.**

Instructions: For questions relating to departmental or institutional policy on prevention of Group B Strep disease, please answer with respect to the current policy operative for your hospital and not your individual practice. *In this survey, a "policy" is defined as a group of explicit recommendations (verbal or written) used to guide decision making in your institution.*

**SECTION A. Group B Strep Prevention Policy: General Characteristics**

1. Does the obstetric department at your institution have a policy \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no regarding the prevention of neonatal Group B Strep disease?

**IF NO, ANSWER 1a THEN SKIP TO SECTION D.**

- 1a. Is your department/institution currently developing or \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no considering a policy?
2. Is the policy regarding Group B Strep prevention **in writing**? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no
3. When was this policy established? \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ month/year
4. Since 1996, have you **revised your policy**? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

**IF YES, answer 4a and 4b.**

4a. Which policy best defines your revised policy. **CHECK ONLY ONE.**

- (1)\_\_\_\_ Consensus **Risk-Based** (treat with intrapartum antibiotics if preterm delivery, membrane rupture  $\geq$  18 hrs, intrapartum fever, GBS bacteriuria, or previous GBS infant)
- (2)\_\_\_\_ Consensus **Screening-Based** (GBS screen at 35-37 weeks' gestation; treat all GBS carriers, preterm deliveries of unknown stats, and those with GBS bacteriuria, or previous GBS infant)
- (3)\_\_\_\_ Postnatal penicillin to all newborns
- (4)\_\_\_\_ GBS PCR rapid test on all women in labor, prophylaxis to GBS positive
- (5)\_\_\_\_ Consensus Screening-based with GBS PCR rapid test in labor on women of unknown GBS GBS infant)
- (6)\_\_\_\_ Other: specify \_\_\_\_\_

- 4b. When was the policy revised? \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Was the most recent policy modeled after any published guidelines?  yes  no

**IF YES**, which one(s)? Check all that apply.

- (1)  CDC guidelines (endorsed by American Academy of Pediatrics), 2002
- (2)  American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists, 2002
- (3)  CDC Consensus Guidelines (CDC, ACOG, AAP), 1996
- (4)  American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists, 1996
- (5)  American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists, 1992
- (6)  American Academy of Pediatrics, 1992
- (7)  Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Was there nursing in-service training regarding the policy?  yes  no

7. Were there physician training sessions regarding the policy?  yes  no

8. Does your department/institution determine provider compliance with the policy?  yes  no

**IF YES**, does your department/institution provide routine feedback to providers regarding either individual or aggregate compliance with the policy?  yes  no

9. Do you use GBS prevention practices in performing quality assurance evaluation?  yes  no

10. Is patient education on GBS part of your institution's policy?  yes  no

**SECTION B. Prenatal Screening for Group B Strep**

1. Does your department/institution's policy include recommendations on **prenatal screening** for GBS?  yes  no

Check here if NO prenatal services provided.

**IF GBS POLICY DOES NOT INCLUDE PRENATAL SCREENING RECOMMENDATIONS OR IF NO PRENATAL SERVICES PROVIDED, SKIP TO SECTION C.**

2. Does your department/institution determine provider compliance with prenatal screening?  yes  no

3. Which of the following best describes your department/institution policy on prenatal Group B Strep screening? **CHECK ONLY ONE.**

- (1)  All women are offered prenatal screening
- (2)  Only women who request the test are screened
- (3)  Screening is decided based on physician discretion
- (4)  No women are screened
- (5)  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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4. According to your policy recommendations for prenatal screening cultures, which site(s) are recommended for specimen collection? **CHECK ONLY ONE.**

- (1)\_\_\_ Vagina (one swab)                      (4)\_\_\_ Vagina and rectum (one or two swabs)  
(2)\_\_\_ Rectum (one swab)                      (5)\_\_\_ Vagina and cervix (one or two swabs)  
(3)\_\_\_ Cervix (one swab)                      (6)\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
(7)\_\_\_ Not addressed in policy. Per physician discretion.

5. When does the policy recommend that routine screening cultures be obtained?

**CHECK ONLY ONE.**

- (1)\_\_\_ First prenatal visit  
(2)\_\_\_ At 26-28 weeks' gestation  
(3)\_\_\_ At 35-37 weeks' gestation  
(4)\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
(5)\_\_\_ Not addressed in policy. Per physician discretion.

6. According to your policy recommendation, what are the guidelines for the routine management of women with a **positive** prenatal Group B Strep culture?

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.**

- (1)\_\_\_ Women with a positive culture are treated with oral antibiotics prenatally  
(2)\_\_\_ Women with a positive culture are re-tested  
(3)\_\_\_ Only women with a positive culture plus some other risk factor (e.g. prolonged membrane rupture) are treated with IV antibiotics during labor  
(4)\_\_\_ All women with a positive culture are treated with IV antibiotics during labor  
(5)\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
(6)\_\_\_ Not addressed in policy. Per physician discretion.

### **SECTION C. Intrapartum Antibiotic Use for Group B Strep**

1. Does your department/institution's Group B Strep policy include \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no recommendations regarding **intrapartum antibiotic** use?

**IF NO, SKIP TO SECTION D.**

2. Which of the following best describes your department/institution's policy on the use of intrapartum antibiotic prophylaxis for Group B Strep (GBS)? **CHECK ONLY ONE.**

- (1)\_\_\_ **Consensus Risk-Based Approach**

Women are offered intrapartum antibiotics if they have **any** of the following risk conditions:

- previous delivery of an infant with Group B Strep disease
- Group B Strep bacteriuria in current pregnancy
- gestation < 37 weeks
- membrane rupture  $\geq$  18 hours
- intrapartum temperature  $\geq$  38 C (100.4 F)

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(2) **Screening-Based Approach**

Women are offered intrapartum antibiotics if they have  
*EITHER*

- a positive prenatal Group B Strep culture

*OR*

- previous delivery of an infant with Group B Strep disease
- Group B Strep bacteriuria in current pregnancy
- Unknown GBS status at delivery, but one or more of the following:
  - gestation < 37 weeks
  - membrane rupture  $\geq$  18 hours
  - intrapartum fever  $\geq$  38 C (100.4 F)

(3) **A strategy different from those above**

We offer intrapartum antibiotics for Group B Strep prevention to the following patients (please specify):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(4) **No specific recommendations for intrapartum antibiotic prophylaxis for Group B Strep disease. Per physician discretion.**

3. What is your department/institution's policy regarding the first line agent for intrapartum antibiotic prophylaxis of

- (1)  IV penicillin
- (2)  IV ampicillin
- (3)  other: specify \_\_\_\_\_
- (4)  Not addressed in policy. Per physician discretion.

4. What is your department/institution's policy regarding the agent used for intrapartum antibiotic prophylaxis of group B streptococcal disease **in the penicillin-allergic patient at LOW risk for anaphylaxis?**

**CHECK ONLY ONE.**

- (1)  IV clindamycin
- (2)  IV erythromycin
- (3)  IV cefazolin
- (4)  other: specify \_\_\_\_\_
- (5)  Not addressed in policy. Per physician discretion.

4. What is your department/institution's policy regarding the agent used for intrapartum antibiotic prophylaxis of group B streptococcal disease **in the penicillin-allergic patient at HIGH risk for anaphylaxis?**

**CHECK ONLY ONE.**

- (1)  IV clindamycin
- (2)  IV erythromycin
- (3)  IV cefazolin
- (4)  Vancomycin
- (4)  other: specify \_\_\_\_\_
- (5)  Not addressed in policy. Per physician discretion.

If you give clindamycin or erythromycin, do you confirm susceptibility to these agents first:

Yes No DK

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**SECTION D. Obstetric Program Characteristics**

1. Does the hospital have a neonatal intensive care unit?  yes  no
2. Does your obstetric program have an academic affiliation (i.e. residency training program or medical school)?  yes  no
3. Do prenatal clinics affiliated with your hospital use pre-printed or computerized forms for record-keeping regarding prenatal visits?  yes  no
- 3a. **IF YES**, is there a specific field on these forms for GBS test results?  yes  no
- 3b.  **Check here if no prenatal clinics affiliated with hospital**
4. Does your institution have a microbiology laboratory on site?  yes  no
- 4a. **IF YES**, which of the following are used for testing genital/rectal specimens for GBS?  
**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.**
- (1)  Culture using direct plating only
  - (2)  Culture using selective broth media
  - (3)  Culture using non-selective media
  - (4)  Rapid antigen detection test directly on clinical specimens **WITH culture backup**
  - (5)  Rapid antigen detection test directly on clinical specimens **WITHOUT culture backup.**
  - (5)  Rapid PCR detection test directly on clinical specimens **WITHOUT culture backup**
  - (6)  Don't know
5. Does the hospital use pre-printed or computerized forms for labor and delivery admissions and clinical monitoring?  yes  no
- 5a. **IF YES**, are there fields specifically for the following prenatal lab results?  
**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.**
- (1)  Group B Strep screening results
  - (2)  Hepatitis B serology results
  - (3)  Rh status
6. Do you have standing orders at the hospital for antibiotic prophylaxis Group B Strep prevention?  yes  no
7. Do clinicians at labor and delivery have access to computerized retrieval of prenatal laboratory data?  yes  no
8. What percentage of obstetric care providers in your institution are:  
 % Ob/Gyn

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 \_\_\_\_\_ % Family physician  
 \_\_\_\_\_ % CNM  
 \_\_\_\_\_ % Other: specify \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION E. Obstetric Patient Characteristics**

Section E pertains to obstetric patient characteristics. This data may be easier to obtain through another department or through vital statistics. If you cannot complete this section, please pass on to the appropriate contact. This sheet may be removed and turned in separately from the rest of the survey.

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1. During 1999, what was the total number of live births at your institution? \_\_\_\_\_

1. During 1999, what **number** of deliveries were:  
 2a. Low birth weight (<2500 grams) \_\_\_\_\_  
 2b. Premature (< 37 weeks) \_\_\_\_\_

1. During 1999, what **percent** of your obstetric patients were:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ % Non-Hispanic white  
 \_\_\_\_\_ % Non-Hispanic black  
 \_\_\_\_\_ % Hispanic  
 \_\_\_\_\_ % Asian/Pacific Islander  
 \_\_\_\_\_ % American Indian/Native American  
 \_\_\_\_\_ % All other groups  
**(Total = 100%)**

4. During 1999, what **percent** of women who delivered at your \_\_\_\_\_% \_\_\_\_\_ data not available facility had received at least one prenatal care visit?

5. During 1999, what **percent** of your obstetric patients were:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ % Uninsured  
 \_\_\_\_\_ % Receive public medical assistance (e.g. Medicaid)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Data not available.

6. Are you the same person who filled out SECTIONS A-D of this survey? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

IF NO, please complete the following:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dept: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Source(s) of data: \_\_\_\_\_