

GROUP B
STREPTOCOCCUS
SCREEN

Orderable – GBS

Turnaround Time: 2 days

Alternate Name(s):

Group B Strep Screen
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Streptococcus agalactiae

Specimen Type and Collection Information:



Laboratory:
Microbiology



Requisition:
Electronic Order



Method of Analysis:
Culture



Test Schedule:
Daily

Specimen Type	Collection Information	Collection Device
Vaginal / Rectal swab	Collect from the lower vagina and then the rectum through the anal sphincter. Place the swab in transport media. Screening should be done at 35-37 weeks gestation.	
Susceptibility testing on Group B <i>Streptococcus</i> isolates from patients identified to have severe penicillin allergy at high risk of anaphylaxis will only be performed after physician request. This request must be made to the Microbiologist on-call (Pager #19000) within 14 days after issue of the report.		

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Storage and Shipment:

The specimen must be stored at room temperature.
The specimen must be received within 24 hours of collection.