

GROUP B
STREPTOCOCCUS
SCREEN

Orderable – GBS

Turnaround Time: 2 days

Alternate Name(s):

Group B Strep Screen
GBS Screen

Specimen Type and Collection Information:

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Placental material/swab	Should be ordered as TISC (see tissue culture)
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.

Critical Information Required:

Select “vaginal swab, pen allergy” from the source drop down box in penicillin allergic patients.

Storage and Shipment:

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



Laboratory:
Microbiology



Requisition:
Electronic Order



Method of Analysis:
Culture



Test Schedule:
Daily