

Why membranes should *NOT* be stripped

GBS, *E. coli*, & other local microflora can be transported into the lower uterine segment

GBS, *E. coli*, & other local microflora can cross/weaken intact membranes

If present, GBS, *E. coli*, & other local microflora can cause stillbirth/damaged babies at birth

GBS-

GBS+

GBS status can change!

Membrane Stripping



Testing not routinely done to determine if *E. coli* and other microorganisms present

Note: Informed consent should be obtained and documented if membranes are to be stripped.