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Group B Streptococcal Infection

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Group B Streptococcus, also known as Streptococcus agalactiae, colonizes the vaginal and gastrointestinal tracts of up to 45% of healthy women and may infect neonates in utero or during delivery, causing neonatal sepsis in 1-2% of colonized neonates. GBS infection may also occur in nonpregnant (particularly elderly) adults with underlying medical conditions, presenting as urinary tract infection, pneumonia, or soft-tissue infection.