

## Symptoms of Group B Strep (GBS) Infection in Babies

Call your baby's care provider **immediately** or take your baby to the emergency room if you notice any of these signs:

- High-pitched cry, shrill moaning, whimpering
- Marked irritability, inconsolable crying
- Constant grunting, as if constipated
- Projectile vomiting
- Feeds poorly or refuses to eat, not waking for feedings
- Sleeping too much, difficulty being aroused
- Fever or low or unstable temperature; hands and feet may still feel cold even with a fever
- Blotchy, red, or tender skin
- Blue, gray, or pale skin due to lack of oxygen
- Fast, slow, or difficult breathing
- Body stiffening, uncontrollable jerking
- Listless, floppy, or not moving an arm or leg
- Tense or bulgy spot on top of head
- Blank stare
- Infection (pus/red skin) at base of umbilical cord or in puncture on head from internal fetal monitor

GBS can infect babies up to several months of age even by sources other than the mother. **Everyone** should wash their hands before handling a baby.

For more info, please visit [www.groupbstrepiinternational.org](http://www.groupbstrepiinternational.org).

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