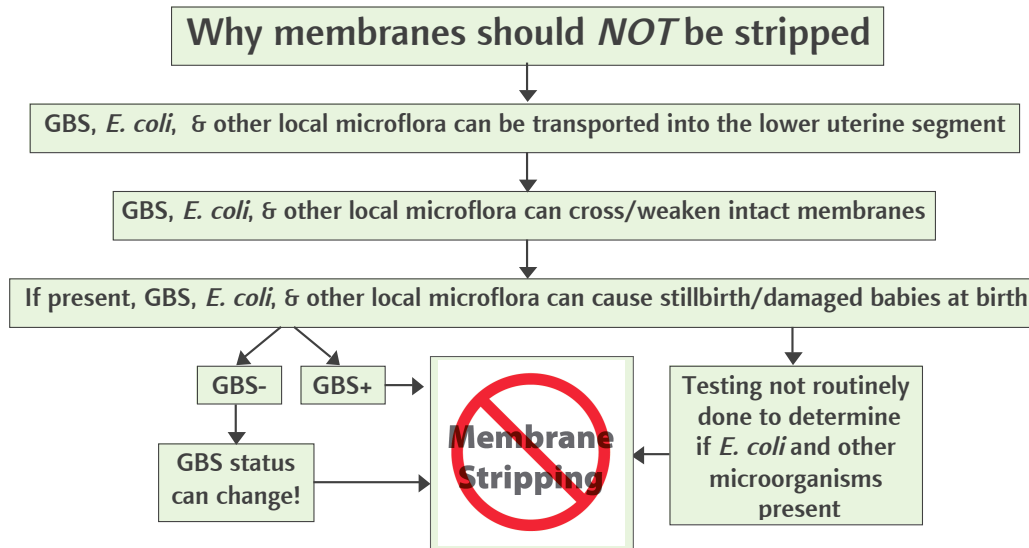


Prenatal-onset GBS Disease Prevention

- “Screen & treat” ASB/UTI at first visit Thomsen et al. *Lancet* 1987 Mar 14.; 1(8533):591-3.
- Vaginitis? “Best Rx is Dx,” i.e., penicillin for GBS Honig et al. *Infect Dis Obstet Gynecol* 1999;7(4):206-9.
- Avoid invasive procedures



- **Have your patients notify you if they experience either:**
 - Decreased or no fetal movement after their 20th week
 - Any unexplained fever

Early-onset GBS Disease Prevention

- Follow CDC, ACOG, and SOGC recommendations
- Make sure a mother’s GBS+ status is known
- Per the CDC, giving IV ABX during labor is the only proven strategy to prevent early-onset GBS disease – “alternative medicine” treatments should not be substituted!
- Negative maternal screening identified in >60% of early-onset GBS infections
CDC MMWR, November 19, 2010, Vol. 59, NO. RR-10. Rapid testing?

Late-onset GBS Disease Prevention

- Tell your patients:
 - GBS can infect babies >1 week of age
 - The symptoms of infection
- Urge breastfeeding
- Vaccinate when available