GBSI advocates:

**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

GSB-  GBS+  

GBS status can change!

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.