



## **Group B Streptococcus**

### Collection Procedure

For culture of group B streptococcus (GBS) at 35–37 weeks' gestation

- Culture should be collected in the outpatient setting by the health care provider.
- Cervical, perianal, perirectal or perineal specimens are not acceptable and a speculum should not be used for culture collection.
- Swab the lower vagina (vaginal introitus), followed by the rectum (i.e., insert swab through the anal sphincter) using the same swab or two different swabs.
- Place the swab(s) into the transport medium.
- Transport to the laboratory.