

Table 3. Specific GBS prophylactic practices in Alberta and Toronto, 1994–1997

Prophylactic practice	Year; no. (and %) of physicians*			<i>p</i> value
	1994	1995	1997	
Give antenatal antibiotics				
Alberta	157/674 (23)	194/645 (30)	173/558 (31)	< 0.01
Toronto	126/449 (28)	125/392 (32)	132/383 (34)	0.08
Give intrapartum antibiotics				
Alberta	500/674 (74)	505/566 (89)	483/515 (94)	< 0.001
Toronto	305/449 (68)	310/351 (88)	315/338 (93)	< 0.001
Pattern of intrapartum chemoprophylaxis†				
All women with GBS colonization				
Alberta	275 (55)	290 (57)	318 (66)	< 0.01
Toronto	82 (27)	81 (26)	124 (39)	< 0.001
All women with risk factors				
Alberta	147 (30)	220 (44)	204 (42)	< 0.01
Toronto	104 (34)	162 (52)	178 (56)	< 0.001
Women with both GBS colonization and risk factors				
Alberta	207 (42)	244 (48)	211 (44)	< 0.001
Toronto	197 (65)	196 (63)	169 (53)	< 0.001
Women with risk factors and unknown colonization status				
Alberta	202 (41)	282 (56)	293 (61)	< 0.001
Toronto	129 (43)	180 (58)	198 (62)	< 0.001
Total no. of physicians giving intrapartum chemoprophylaxis				
Alberta	496	505	483	
Toronto	303	309	319	

*Where sums of percentages exceed 100, more than one response was allowed.

†For practitioners who gave intrapartum prophylaxis.

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