

Table 4. Knowledge of known risk factors for neonatal GBS disease by specialty*

Known risk factor	Year; specialty; no. (and %) of physicians			
	1994		1997	
	FP <i>n</i> = 600	Obstetrician <i>n</i> = 199	FP <i>n</i> = 648	Obstetrician <i>n</i> = 206
Onset of labour at < 37 weeks gestational age	346 (58)	135 (68)	435 (67)	161 (78)
Rupture of membranes at < 37 weeks gestational age	360 (60)	148 (74)	455 (70)	152 (74)
Rupture of membranes for >18 hours	371 (62)	121 (61)	436 (67)	147 (71)
Maternal fever > 37.5°C	470 (78)	157 (79)	539 (83)	188 (91)
GBS bacteriuria during pregnancy	278 (46)	129 (65)	391 (60)	166 (81)
Previous history of neonatal GBS disease	434 (72)	174 (87)	514 (79)	184 (89)

Note: FP = family practitioner.

*The results within specialties were similar in the 2 regions. The data from the 1995 survey were intermediate between the data for 1994 and those for 1997.

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