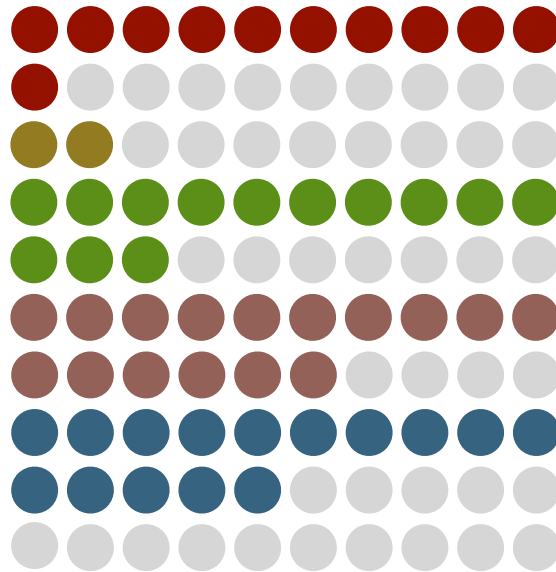


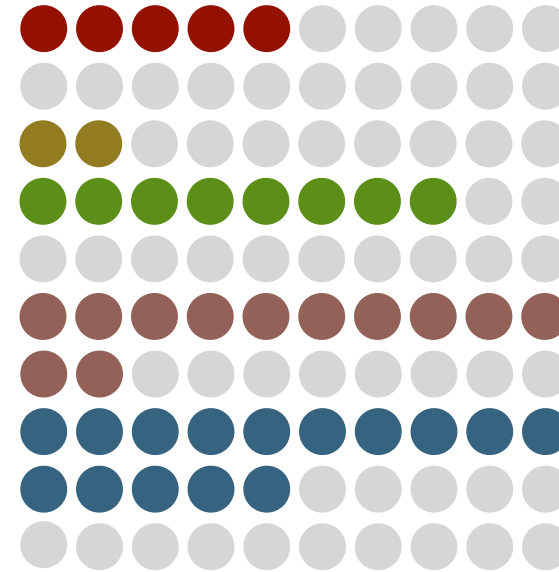
Treatment strategies for women whose water breaks prematurely from the 37th week of pregnancy onward

Numbers for pregnant women whose water broke at term without the onset of labor (premature rupture). Women delivered either immediately (labor was induced) or were monitored closely while waiting until labor occurred spontaneously (expectant management).

100 women with expectant management



100 women with induced labor



	How many women developed an infection of the uterine lining and/or the membranes surrounding the baby?	11	5
	How many babies developed an early-onset blood infection (neonatal sepsis)?	2	2
	How many babies received antibiotics after birth?	13	8
	How many babies were admitted to the special or intensive care unit after birth?	16	12
	How many women had a caesarean section?	15	15
	How many babies died before or up to 28 days after birth?	<1	<1
	Remaining women		

*Severe damage is very rare (2 instances in every 1,000 births).

Source: Middleton et al. Cochrane Database Syst Rev 2017(1):CD005302.

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