Preoperative Vaginal Preparation for Cesarean Delivery

1) **Purpose:**
   a) To delineate the process for vaginal preparation prior to Cesarean delivery.

2) **Procedure:**
   a) After the foley catheter insertion, the vagina is prepped with povidone-iodine paint.
      i) Two prepackaged foam sticks saturated with povidone-iodine paint are contained in the cesarean delivery pack.
         (1) Insert one of the saturated foam sticks into the vagina, rotate 360 degrees, and remove.
         (2) Repeat with second saturated foam stick.

3) **Contraindications to Use:**
   a) Allergy to povidone-iodine
   b) Stat Cesarean delivery

**References:**
Vaginal preparation with antiseptic solution before cesarean section for preventing postoperative infections (Review), *The Cochrane Library* 2013, Issue 1


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