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RSV Prevention: now a reality

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Acknowledgement of country

I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Noongar Whadjuk people, and pay my respects to their elders, past, present and future.



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- GlaxoSmithKline - Pertussis, pneumococcal, RSV vaccines, maternal immunisation, meningococcal & NTHi vaccines
- Pfizer - Meningococcal, pneumococcal & RSV vaccines
- Janssen – Bacterial vaccines, RSV vaccine
- Sanofi – influenza vaccines, RSV mAb
- Merck – pneumococcal vaccines, RSV mAb
- Astra-Zeneca – COVID-19, RSV mAb
- Clover biopharmaceuticals – COVID-19, RSV vaccines
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- *No personal remuneration*

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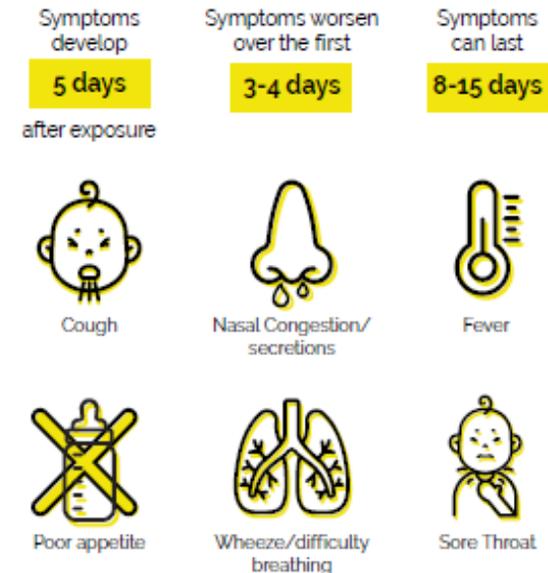
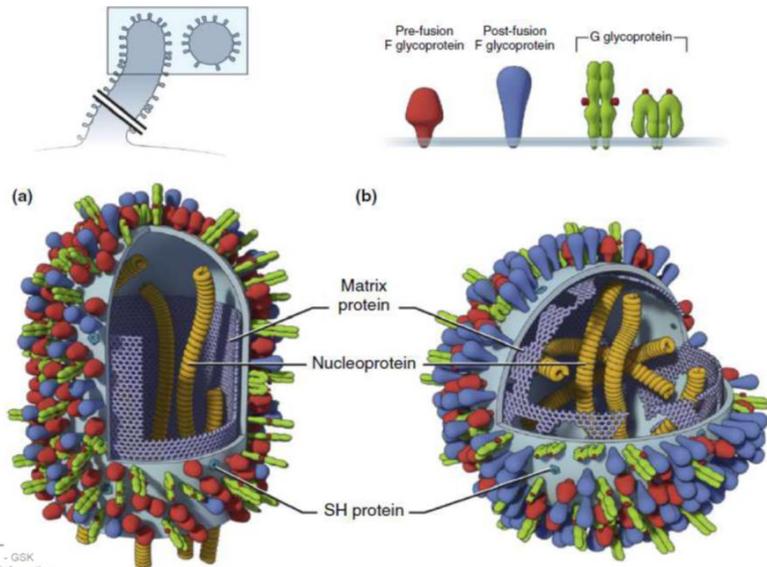
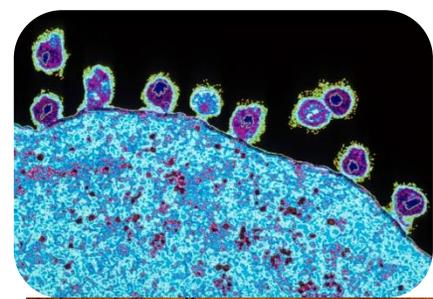
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Talk Summary

- Understanding burden, epidemiology and risk factors for RSV
- Development of new vaccines and monoclonal antibodies for RSV
- Maternal RSV vaccination
- RSV Monoclonal antibodies for infants
- RSV vaccines for older adults

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

- a highly transmissible RNA virus through droplets
- infection occurs through upper airway before progressing to lower airways
- Surface proteins critical in infecting cells and the target of neutralising antibodies
- 95% of children infected by 2 years of age
- 1 in 4 will have a lower respiratory tract infection
- Also common cause of otitis media in infants & secondary bacterial infections
- **1 in 10 children will see a doctor due to RSV in the first year of life**



Acute Consequences of RSV LRTI: Hospitalization

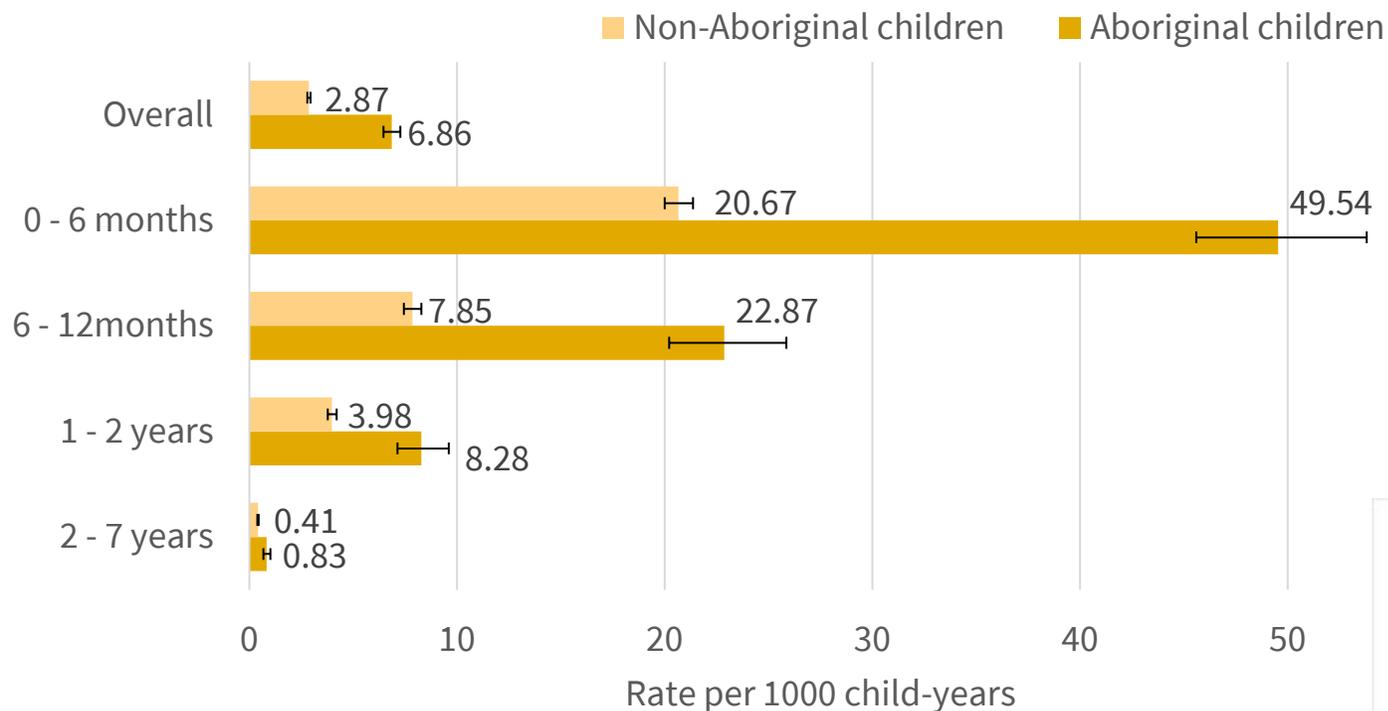
- RSV is a leading cause of paediatric hospitalization
 - ~3.4 million hospitalizations worldwide in children < 5 years old in 2005
 - ~>11,000 hospitalizations in Australia annually in infants < 1 year old
 - Major contributor to winter bed block for paediatric hospitals / wards
 - **One in 50 babies in the first year admitted to hospital**

	General Population Term Children	High-risk Children
Rates of hospitalization	1%-2.9%	5%-10%
Hospitalization Mean LOS (days)	3.4	5-7
Require ICU care	3%-9%	10%-50%
ICU Mean LOS (days)	3.4	4.5-7.2
Require mechanical ventilation	1.5%	17%-40%

LOS: length of stay

Nair et al. *Lancet* 2010.; Saravanos *Med J Aust* 2019; Boyce et al. *J Pediatr* 2000; Joffe et al. *Pediatrics* 1999; Shay et al. *JAMA* 1999; Griffin et al. *Arch Int Med* 2002; Bockova et al. *Pediatrics* 2002; Horn et al. *J Pediatr* 2003; Moler et al. *Crit Care Med* 1992;

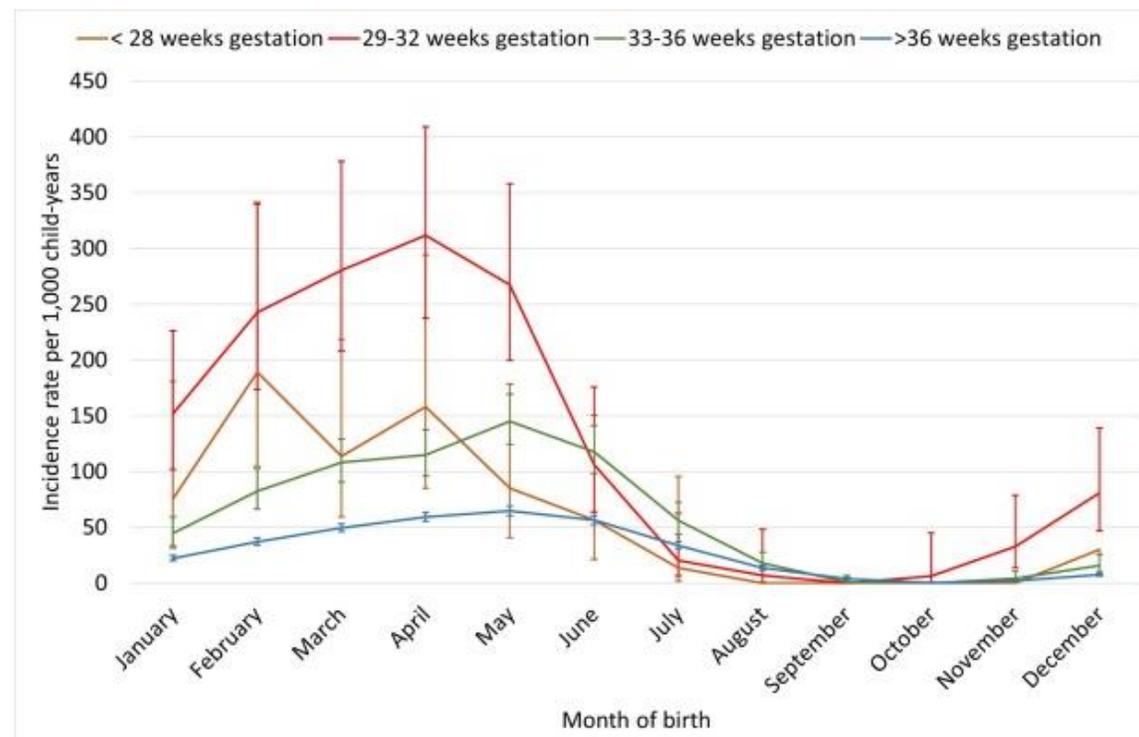
Risk factors for RSV-hospitalization rates (WA)



- Highest in infants < 6 mths
- Incidence >2x higher in Aboriginal infants
- Routine data underestimates by ~30%
- Prematurity and timing of birth important risk factors
- **83% of RSV hospitalisations however are in otherwise healthy infants**

Sarna, Determining the true incidence of seasonal RSV-confirmed hospitalizations in preterm and term infants in WA. Vaccine 2023; 41:5216-20

Huong Le, unpublished data



Long-term consequences of RSV disease

- Recurrent viral-induced wheeze and asthma more common after RSV hospitalisation
- Progression to recurrent chest infect and ear infections also common after RSV illness

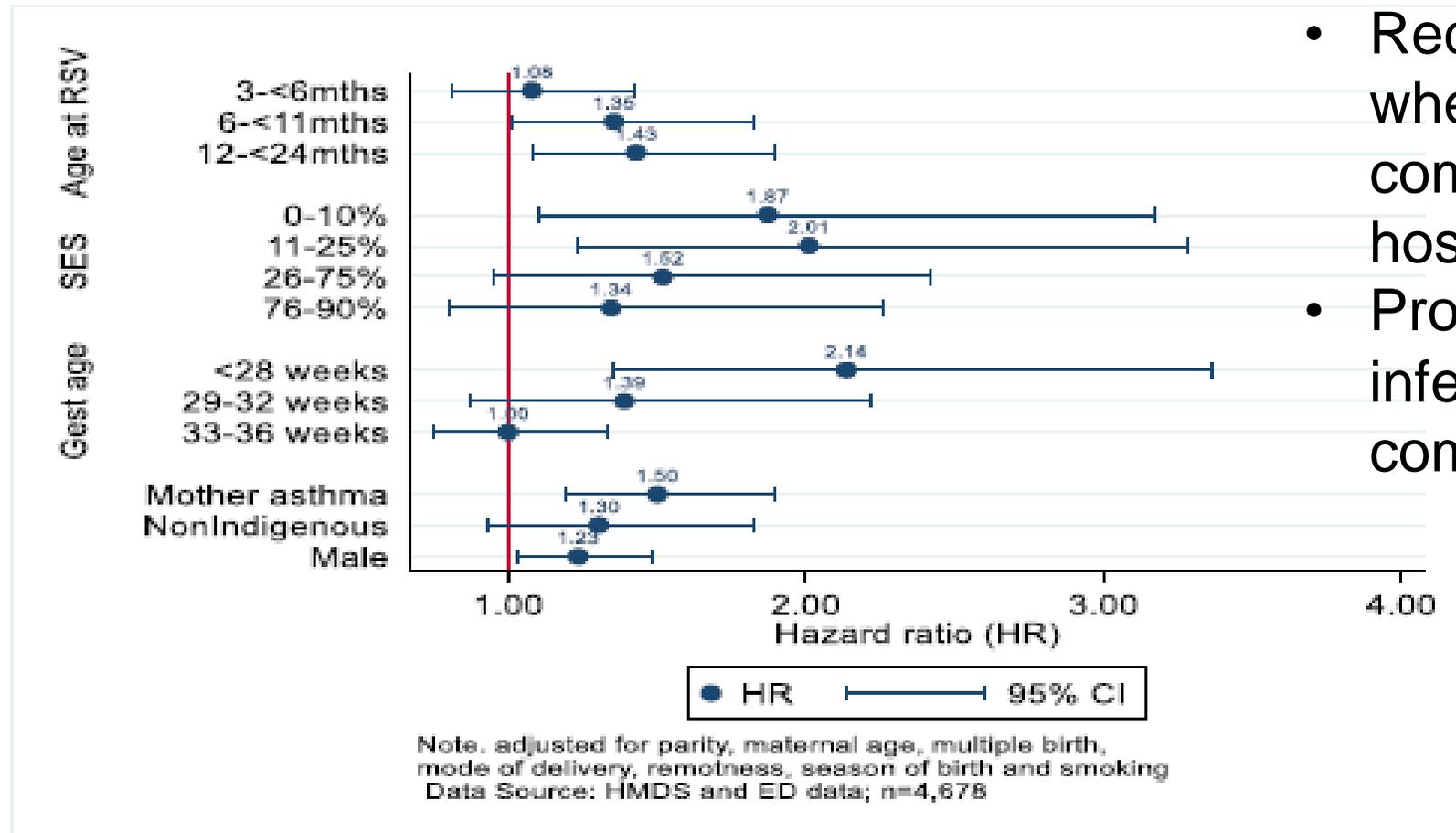
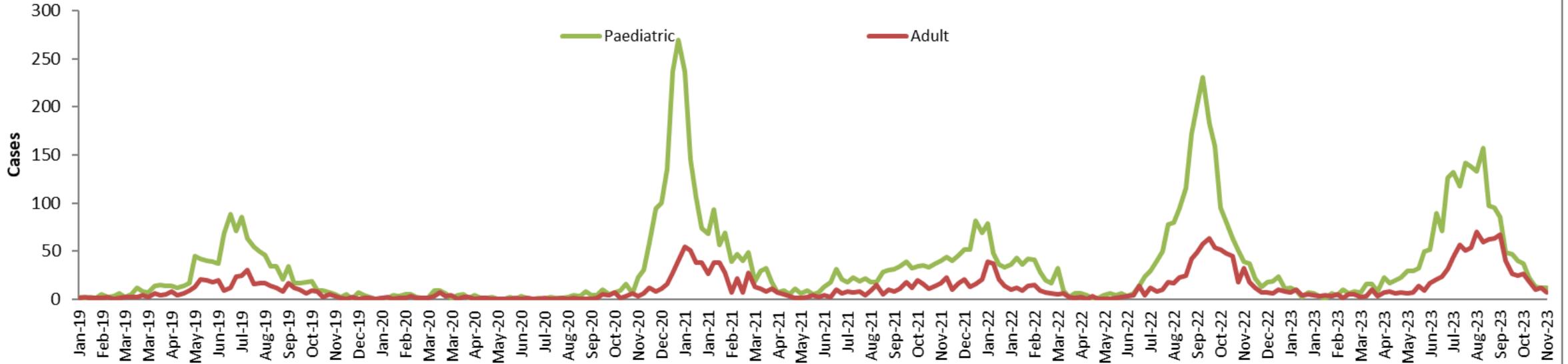


Figure 3. Relative risk of asthma and wheezing after age 2 during the follow-up for children with RSV-confirmed detections before age 2 years, 2000-2012, WA

RSV Seasonality– Impact of the Pandemic in WA

Paediatric and Adult Hospital/ED Patients with RSV, 2018-2023



- Interruption of transmission during lockdown & border closures followed by out of season resurgence

- Increased testing in adults as part of multiplex respiratory PCR use in GP & hospitals

- Using datalinkage with Pathwest data in 2021

- there were 519 hospital admissions & 270 ED presentations in infants < 12 months;

- 1/3 of RSV admissions / ED presentations outside metropolitan area; 17.4% in Aboriginal children

- More than 10,000 notifications in WA in 2022 and 2023 (~50% in < 5s)

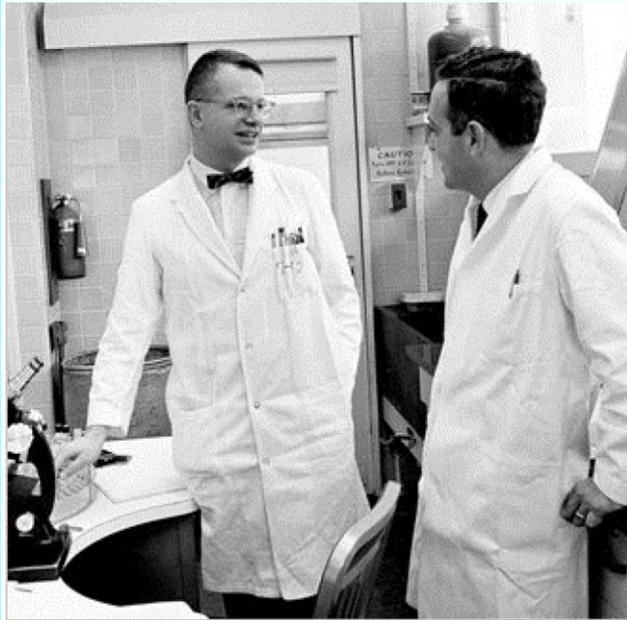
The long journey to RSV prevention

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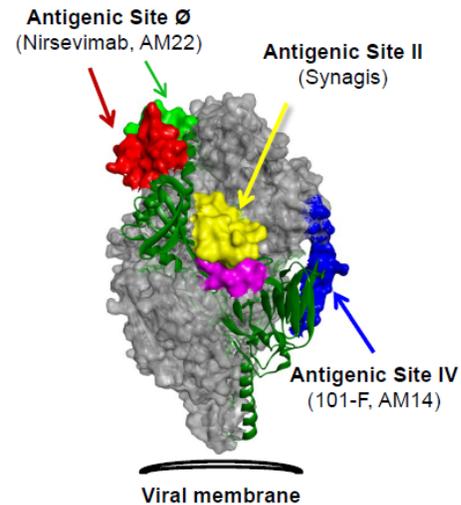
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AN EPIDEMIOLOGIC STUDY OF ALTERED CLINICAL REACTIVITY
TO RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL (RS) VIRUS INFECTION IN
CHILDREN PREVIOUSLY VACCINATED WITH AN
INACTIVATED RS VIRUS VACCINE

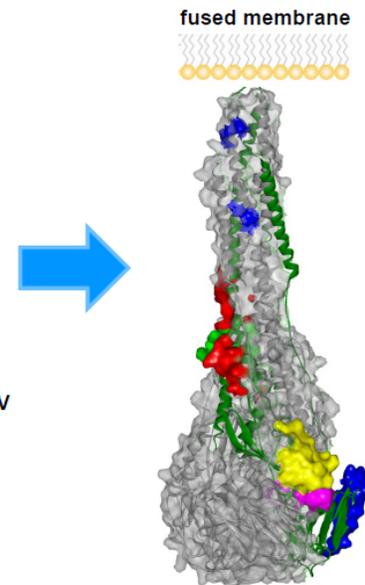
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Prefusion F Trimer



Postfusion F Trimer



Only prefusion F can bind host cells for RSV to infect

Antibodies specific to the prefusion form are most effective at blocking virus infection

McLellan et al Science Nov 2013

Passive Immunisation for RSV



- protection for infants too young to be vaccinated:
 - **Maternal vaccines:**
 - vaccinating pregnant women with the goal of protecting the young infant from RSV through passive transfer of maternal antibodies
 - Mothers more influenced by protection of baby than themselves
 - Accepted strategy for the prevention of maternal and infant disease (e.g Influenza, Pertussis)
 - **Monoclonal antibodies**
 - complements maternal vaccination strategy
 - especially in premature infants as most of IgG transfer occurs in the last trimester of gestation
 - Able to target other groups including older at-risk infants
 - Next generation mAbs designed to provide protection for 5 months after single dose

RSV Vaccine and mAb Snapshot

TARGET INDICATION: **P** = PEDIATRIC **M** = MATERNAL **E** = ELDERLY

	▶ PHASE 1	▶ PHASE 2	▶ PHASE 3	▶ MARKET APPROVED		
LIVE-ATTENUATED/CHIMERIC	Blue Lake PIV5/RSV	Codagenix, LID/NIAID/NIH RSV ^P	Discontinued ^P Covavacc RSV-Δ	Meissa Vaccines RSV ^P	Sanofi, LID/NIAID/NIH RSV ^P	
	Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile BCG/RSV ^P <i>Inactive</i>	SIPL, Jude Hospital SeV/RSV ^P <i>Inactive</i>				
PROTEIN-BASED • PARTICLE • SUBUNIT	Discontinued ^E Inovaccine, RSV SH Protein	NIH/NIAID/VRC RSV F Protein ^{E M}	Virometix VLP	Advaccine Biotechnology RSV G Protein ^{P E}	Daiichi Sankyo Protein ? ^E	
			Icosavax RSV/hMPV VLP ^E		GlaxoSmithKline RSV F Protein ^E	Pfizer RSV F Protein ^E
NUCLEIC ACID	Moderna ^{M P} RNA	Sanofi ^E RNA		Moderna ^E RNA		
RECOMBINANT VECTORS		Discontinued ^P Janssen Pharmaceutical Adenovirus		Discontinued ^E Bavarian Nordic MVA		
IMMUNO-PROPHYLAXIS	Gates MRI ^P Anti-F mAb	Trinomab Biotechnology ^P Anti-F mAb		Merck ^P Anti-F mAb	Astra Zeneca, Sanofi ^P Nirsevimab	Astra Zeneca ^P Palivizumab

UPDATED: September 21, 2023

Indicates Change

<https://www.path.org/resources/rsv-vaccine-and-mab-snapshot/>



Addressing RSV in children and adults : what are the approaches?

Vaccine type	Children (Baby icon)	Pregnant women (Pregnant woman icon)	Adults (Couple icon)
Live attenuated/chimeric	✓		
Protein-based (inactivated, particle, subunit)	✓	✓	✓
Nucleic acid (mRNA)	✓	✓	✓
Recombinant vectors	(✓)		(✓)
Immuno-prophylaxis (mAb)	✓		

Maternal Immunisation for RSV prevention: preparing the way



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Respiratory Syncytial Virus Vaccination during Pregnancy and Effects in Infants

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- Provided proof of safety and efficacy of maternal RSV vaccination
 - 39.4% efficacy over 90 days against MA-LRTI
 - Reduced antibiotic prescriptions by 13%
- FDA required repeat Phase 3 study – Novavax has discontinued RSV program



New Maternal RSV Vaccine Efficacy Studies

- GSK pre-F3 protein unadjuvanted vaccine:
 - Recruiting up to 20,000 healthy pregnant mothers
 - Study discontinued due to possible increase in preterm babies in LMICs
 - ? Related to COVID
 - *ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT04605159*

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InvestiGational RSV MAternal VaCcinE



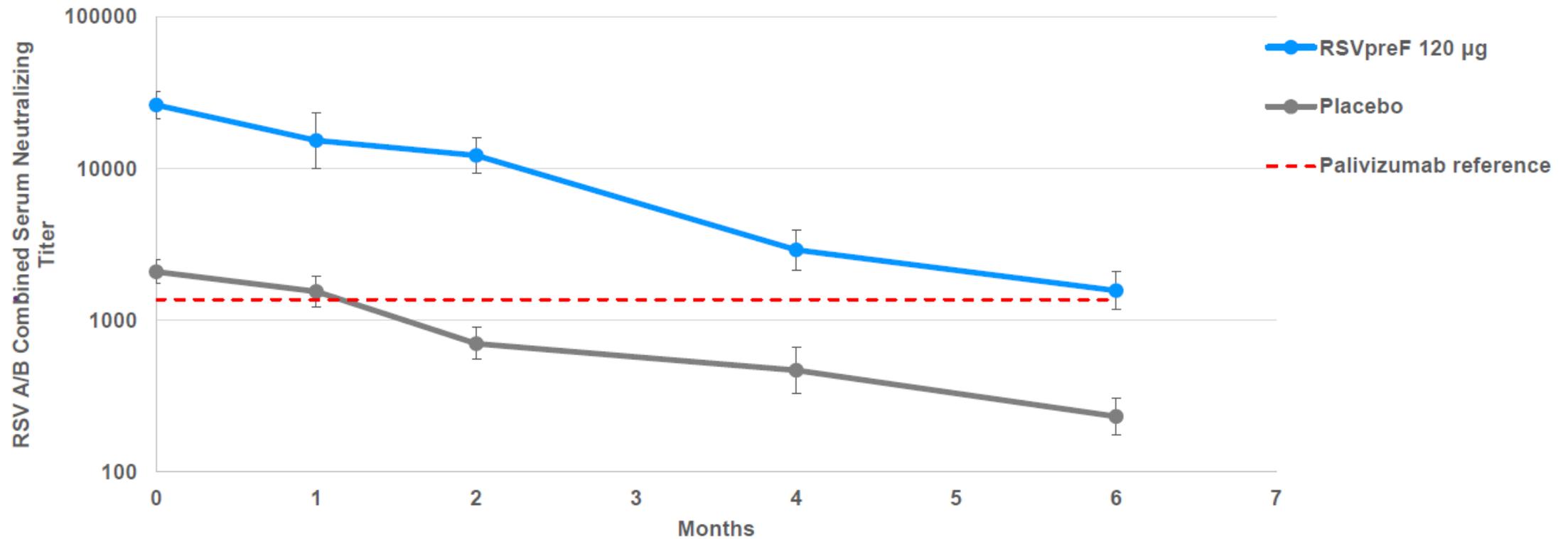
- Pfizer bivalent preF protein vaccine
 - Recruited 7,300 healthy pregnant mothers
 - randomized 1:1 between ≥ 24 and ≤ 36 weeks gestation
 - Efficacy outcome medically attended ALRTI up to 6 months

(*ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT04424316*)



Maternal RSV vaccination results in protective antibody levels in infants

RSV A/B Combined 50% Geometric Mean Neutralizing Titers by Month in Infants born to Mothers Vaccinated at 24-36 weeks



-- Palivizumab reference line = 50% A/B neutralizing titer of a 100ug/mL palivizumab dose, demonstrated to be efficacious in preventing infant RSV-associated ICU admission (Forbes ML, Kumar VR, Yogeve R, et al. Hum Vaccin Immunother 2014;10:2789-94.)

Efficacy of RSV Vaccine in Pregnancy –



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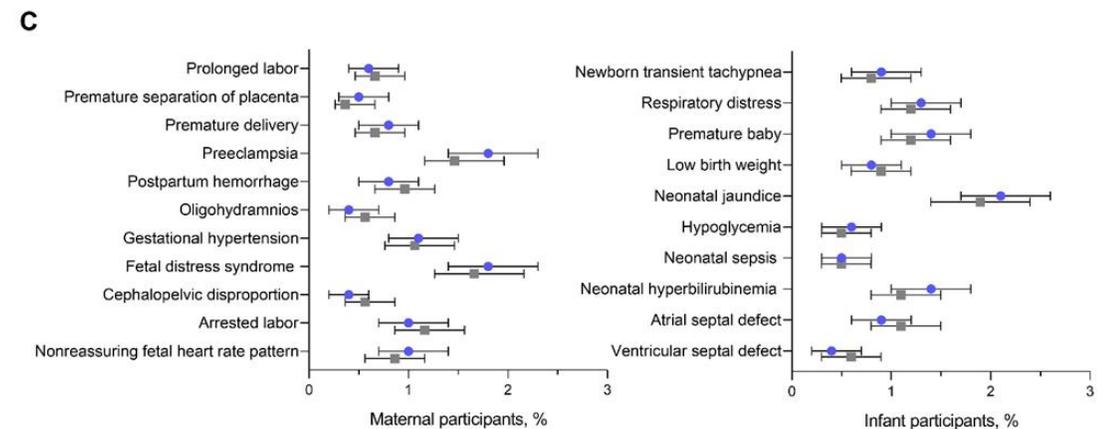
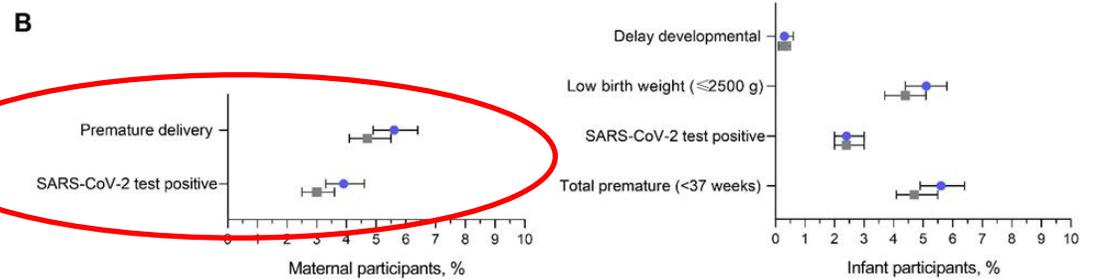
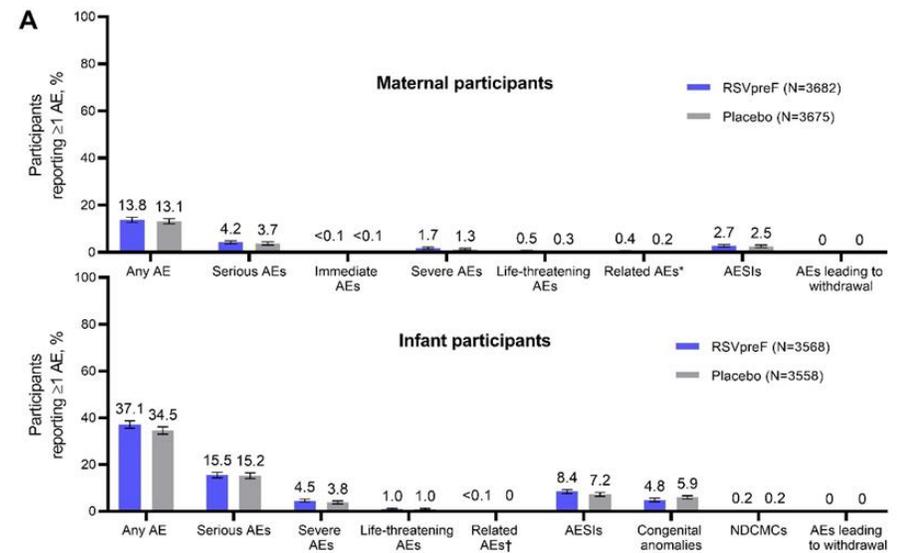
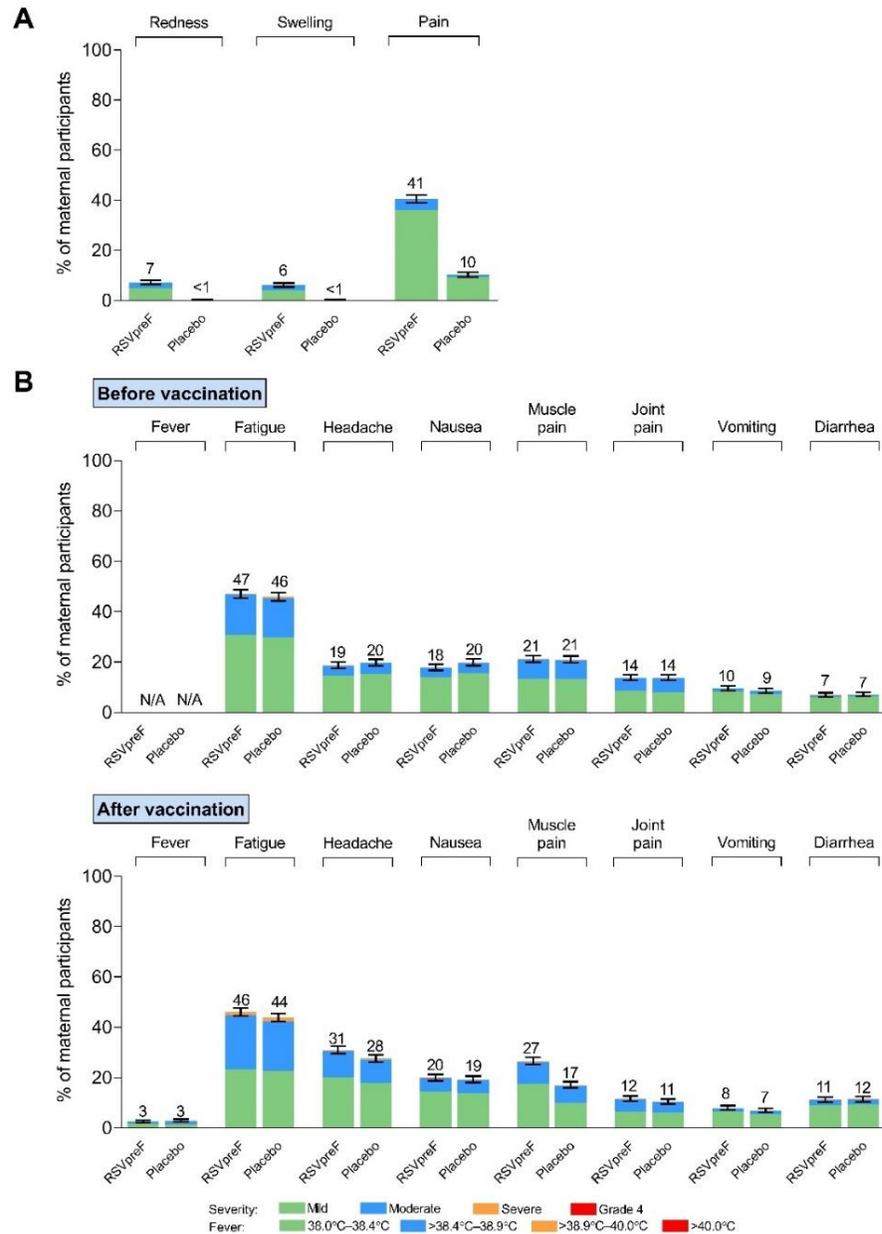
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Bivalent Prefusion F Vaccine in Pregnancy to Prevent RSV Illness in Infants

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Safety of Maternal bivalent RSV vaccine



Maternal Bivalent pre-F RSV vaccine efficacy

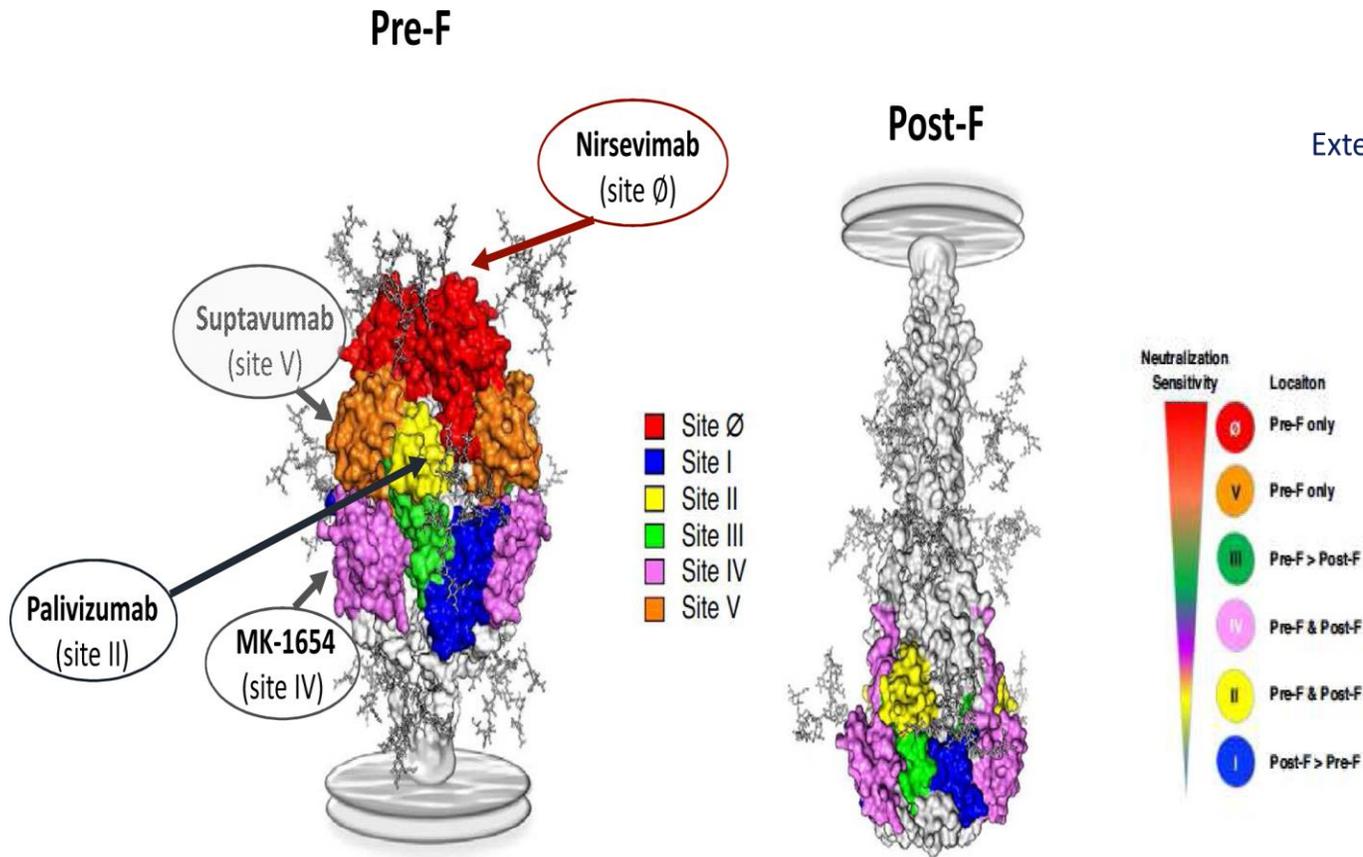
Outcome	Vaccine Efficacy (95% CI)		
	Over 3 months	Over 6 months	Over 12 months
Any Medically-attended RSV LRTI	57.1% (14.7%, 79.8%)	51.3% (29.4%, 66.8%)	41.0% (16.2 – 58.9%)
Severe Medically-attended RSV LRTI	81.8% (40.6%, 96.3%)	69.4% (44.3%, 84.1%)	N/A
Hospitalisations with RSV ALRTI	67.7% (15.9 – 89.5%)	56.4% (10.1 – 80.7%)	33.3% (-17.6 – 62.9%)
Any Medically-attended RSV RTI	39.1% (16.7 – 55.7%)	37.9% (24 – 49.5%)	N/A

- Vaccine well-tolerated with no safety concerns for vaccinated mothers and their newborns
- Submission for FDA registration in Feb 2023, approved by advisory committee May 2023
- Confirms efficacy of RSV maternal immunisation though duration critical

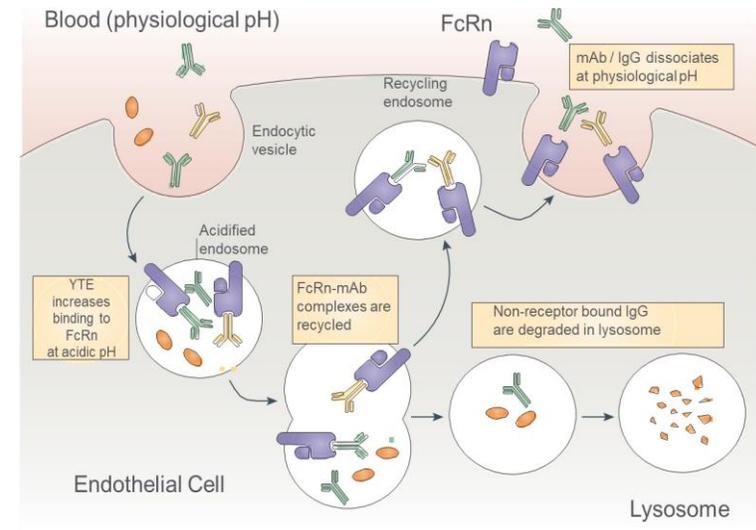
Maternal RSV immunisation Summary

- No safety concerns and well tolerated in pregnant women
- Is immunogenic with passive antibody transfer to the infant and effective against LRTI in the first 180 days
- Appears to prevent both lower and upper respiratory infections
 - ?additional benefit of breast feeding for URTI
- Timing of vaccination during pregnancy and related to season is important
- No evidence of disease enhancement in subsequent year

Next generation RSV monoclonal Antibodies: extended and enhanced protection through passive immunisation



Extending the half-life of humanized Monoclonal antibodies by the YTE modification in Fc region



Enhanced neutralising capacity

Enhanced duration

Nirsevimab for Prevention of RSV in Healthy Late-Preterm and Term Infants

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Population & Treatment

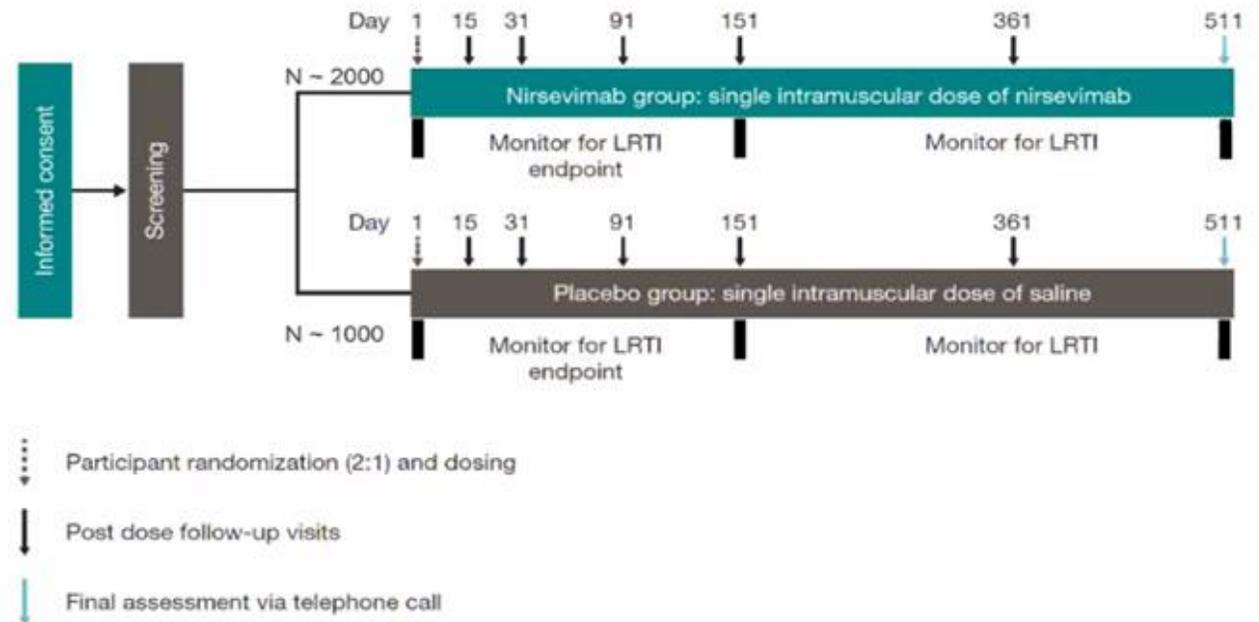
- Infants ≥ 35 weeks entering their first RSV season
- 2:1 randomisation to a single intramuscular dose of nirsevimab (if < 5 kg, 50 mg; if ≥ 5 kg, 100 mg) or placebo

Primary endpoint

- Incidence of medically attended lower respiratory tract infection (MA LRTI) due to RSV over 150 days post-dose

Secondary endpoints

- Incidence of hospitalization due to RSV over 150 days post-dose
- Safety (evaluated through 360 days post-dose)
- Pharmacokinetics
- Anti-drug antibodies



Total 3012 infants enrolled
 No safety concerns identified with no differences in related adverse events (1.3%) compared to placebo (1.5%)

Updated data : Muller New England Journal of Medicine 5th April 2023

Nirsevimab efficacy in term and late preterm infants: Episodes of RSV LRTI up to 150 days

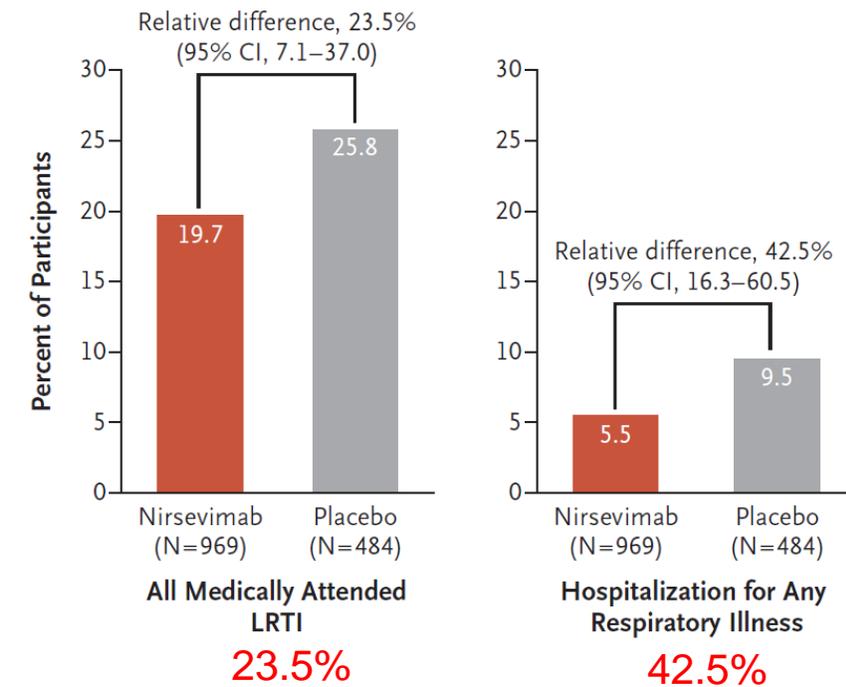
Definition	Placebo (N=1003)		Nirsevimab (N=2009)		Efficacy	
	n	%	n	%	Efficacy	95% CI
MA RSV LRTI	54	5.4	24	1.2	76.4	62.3-85.2
MA RSV LRTI with hospitalization	20	2.0	9	0.4	76.8	49.4-89.4
MA RSV LRTI (very severe)	17	1.7	7	0.3	78.6	48.8-91.0

Nirsevimab Efficacy in moderately preterm infants

- 1453 infants between 29 weeks to <35 weeks gestation randomised to 50mg mAb vs placebo (2:1)
- Mean age at enrolments 3.29 mths

Endpoint	Placebo (N=484)	MEDI8897 (N= 969)	Relative risk reduction (95% CI)	P value
Medically attended RSV +ve LRTI	9.5% (46)	2.6% (25)	72.9% (56-83%)	P < 0.001
RSV LRTI Hospitalisation	4% (20)	0.8% (8)	80% (55-91%)	P < 0.001

A Medically Attended LRTI or Respiratory-Related Hospitalization for Any Cause



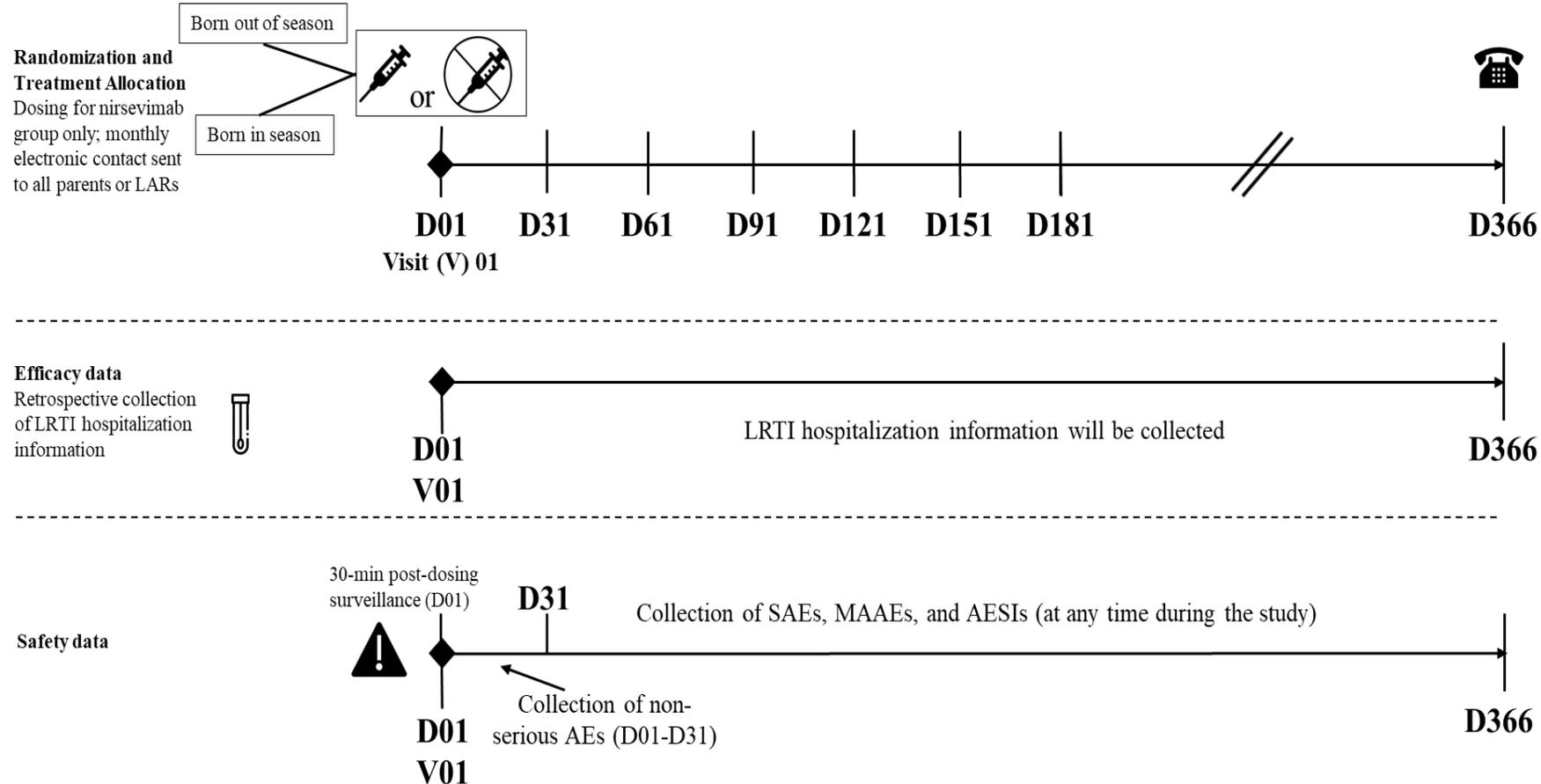
- Similar efficacy for subtypes: RSV A: 5.0% vs 1.1%; RSV B: 4.5% vs 1.4%

Harmonie Study: real world efficacy

- Open label parallel 2-arm: nirsevimab vs no intervention
- 8058 healthy infants entering 1st RSV season
 - 48.6% ≤ 3 mths
 - 23.7% > 3 to ≤ 6 mths
 - 27.5% > 6 mths
 - 13.8% < 37 weeks gestation
 - 50% born in season
- Single on-site visit (randomised 1:1)
- Monthly follow-up via e-diary (3 questions)
- Enrolment Aug 22-March 23
 - Interim Data lock 16 May 23

Screening/Recruitment

Data Collection Over Time (Day [D])



Abbreviations: AESI, adverse event of special interest; D, day; LAR, legally acceptable representative; LRTI, lower respiratory tract infection; MAAE, medically attended adverse event; SAE, serious adverse event; V, visit

SB Drysdale, (2023, May 8–12). A Phase 3 randomized open-label study of nirsevimab (versus no intervention) in preventing hospitalizations due to respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) in infants (HARMONIE) [interim, analysis]. *ESPID 2023: Lisbon, Portugal*.

Efficacy of Nirsevimab on LRTI Hospitalization

– Harmonie study 2022-2023 in UK, France & Germany

	Nirsevimab (N=4037)	No Intervention (N=4021)
RSV LRTI Hospitalisation	N (%)	N (%)
Yes	11 (0.3%)	60 (1.5%)
No	4026 (99.7%)	3961 (98.5%)
Efficacy	83.21% (95% CI 67.8- 92.0)	P <0.0001
All-Cause LRTI Hospitalisation	N (%)	N (%)
Yes	45 (1.1%)	98 (2.4%)
No	4026 (99.7%)	3961 (98.5%)
Efficacy	58.04% (95% CI 36.7- 71.2)	P <0.0001

The 2-sided 95% CI for the efficacy is calculated by an exact method assuming a binomial distribution of the number of RSV LRTI hospitalizations in the nirsevimab group conditional on the total number in both groups (described by Breslow and Day) accounting for the follow-up time post-dosing/randomization.

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Implementation of Nirsevimab in infants :timing of dosing to optimise protection

- Per 1000 children immunised:
 - 93.6 cases MA-LRTI averted (NNT = 10.7)
 - 18.8 cases LRTI hospitalisations averted (NNT = 53.1)

In WA, with 80% coverage:
prevent >2200 GP/ED Px &
451 RSV admissions



Protect infants born...	<u>Before</u> the RSV season September to April (up to age 8 months)	<u>During</u> the RSV season May to August
When	Prior to start of the season	Soon after birth before hospital discharge or in first week at GP
Where	At GP, during a routine visit before the start of the RSV season March - April	In hospital or at GP
Implementation	Given with influenza and other NIP vaccines given during routine visits	?Given with Birth Dose of Hepatitis B Vaccine or at specific visit

- Combined programmes with Maternal RSV vaccination?

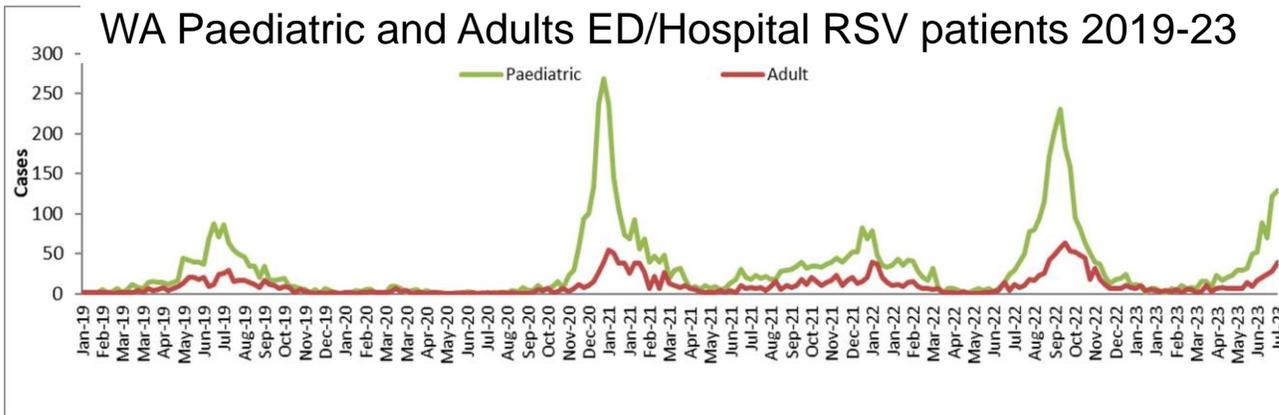
RSV monoclonal antibody summary

- Nirsevimab was safe and effective in reducing RSV medically attended LRTI and hospitalisations for 5 months in healthy preterm and term infants
- Similar efficacy against both RSV A and B subtypes
- Evidence of impact against overall LRTI and pneumonia hospitalisations
- No safety concerns, well tolerated with no impact of antidrug antibody
- Now registered in Europe & USA and will be registered in Australia shortly
- Universal infant programs with high uptake 
- Ongoing monitoring for effectiveness and variant escape important
- Merck Clesrovimab (MK1654) mAb also now in Phase 2/3 trials
 - Efficacy shown in human RSV challenge model
 - RSV Protect study now at PCH for high-risk infants

RSV vaccines for older adults



Promising results from recent studies



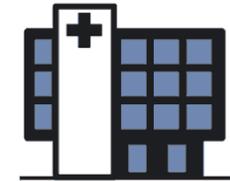
A Hidden Epidemic

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a common cause of serious respiratory illness in older adults, but is largely unrecognized – even in the medical community.

Annual burden: Among U.S. adults 65 years and older

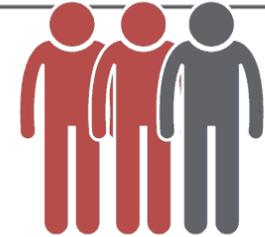
▶ **14,000** Deaths

▶ **177,000** Hospitalizations



▶ **2.6 million** cases each year

▶ Spreads easily, **2 in 3** adults will get reinfected within 8 months



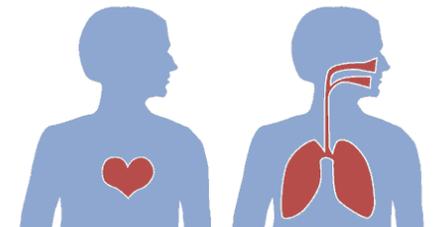
▶ **Symptoms:**

Often misdiagnosed as flu

- ✓ Nasal congestion and runny nose
- ✓ Cough
- ✓ Shortness of breath and wheezing
- ✗ No fever

▶ **Who is at risk?**

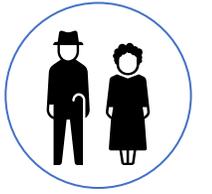
65+ years old
Heart or lung conditions



Staff Graphic

SOURCE: National Foundation for Infectious Diseases

RSV burden in older adults



- Frequent, often unrecognized, cause of severe respiratory illnesses
- Relatively little data in older adults due to lack of routine testing
 - 14,435 notifications in 2023 in adults over 65 years*
 - Incidence increases with age
- Burden of severe disease similar to influenza, with variability across seasons
- 94% of adults hospitalised have underlying medical conditions
- High proportion of RSV hospitalisations have severe outcomes, including ICU admission and death
- Long-term health consequences include heart attacks, stroke, COPD exacerbations and reduced lung function

Comparison of RSV Vaccine efficacy in older adults

AS01E-adjuvanted pre-F protein GlaxoSmithkline (n=24,966)		Bivalent pre-F protein Pfizer (n=34,283)		Moderna ³ mRNA encoding pre-F protein (n=37,500)		Combination hAd26.RSV.preF-RSV preF protein Janssen ⁴ (n=5782)		
Increasing severity ↓	Outcome	Efficacy	Outcome	Efficacy	Outcome	Efficacy	Outcome	Efficacy
	RSV Acute RTI	71.7% (CI: 56-82%)	RSV ARTI	62.1% (CI: 37-78%)	RSV ARTI	N/A	RSV ARTI	N/A
	RSV Acute LRT disease with ≥2 LRT Sx/signs with 1 LRT sign or 2 LRT signs or 3 LRT Sx	82.6% (CI: 58- 94%)	RSV LRTI with ≥2 Sx/signs	66.7% (CI: 32-99%)	RSV LRTI with ≥2 Sx/signs	83.7% (CI: 66-92%)	RSV LRTI with ≥2 Sx/signs	75% (CI: 50-88%)
			RSV LRTI with ≥3 Sx / signs	85.7% (CI: 37-78%)	RSV LRTI with ≥3 Sx / signs	82.4% (CI: 35-95%)	RSV LRTI with ≥3 Sx / signs	80% (CI: 52-93%),
RSV LRTI with ≥2 LRT signs or PI assessed severe	94.1% (CI: 62-100%)					RSV LRTI with ≥2 Sx or ≥1 LRTI Sx with ≥1 systemic Sx	70% (CI: 44-85%)	

Sx – symptoms

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Paediatric RSV vaccines – recent progress

- Adenoviral vectored RSV vaccines
 - designed to enhance TH1 immune response & reduce likelihood VAED
 - Chimpanzee adenoviral vector vaccine (CHAd155 –RSV; GSK)
 - Human adenoviral vector (Ad26.RSV.preF; Janssen)
 - Both got to Phase 2 trials in infants / toddlers but now discontinued
- Live attenuated RSV vaccines new candidate (Karron NIAD / Sanofi)
 - has deletion of non-essential accessory proteins to yield improved immune responses
 - Currently in Phase1B – 2 trials (*ClinicalTrials.gov Identifiers: NCT03596801; NCT04491877*)
 - Other live attenuated constructs in Phase 1 – 2 trials
- mRNA vaccines (Moderna)
 - RSV & RSV/hMPV vaccines now in early stage trials

Summary

- RSV is a major cause of paediatric and adult respiratory disease and mortality
 - New technologies are delivering effective prevention strategies
- Maternal RSV vaccination
 - Well tolerated and immunogenic with passive antibody transfer
 - Effective against ALRI in the first 6 months
 - No evidence of disease enhancement
- RSV long-acting monoclonal antibodies
 - Safe and highly effective against RSV ALRTI for 5 months
 - Offer increased flexibility in delivery for maximal impact
 - WA could have a universal infant program in 2024
- RSV vaccines in older adults highly effective against mild-moderate disease
- Paediatric RSV vaccines in early phase trials to reduce burden in older children

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How to find
out more
about RSV?



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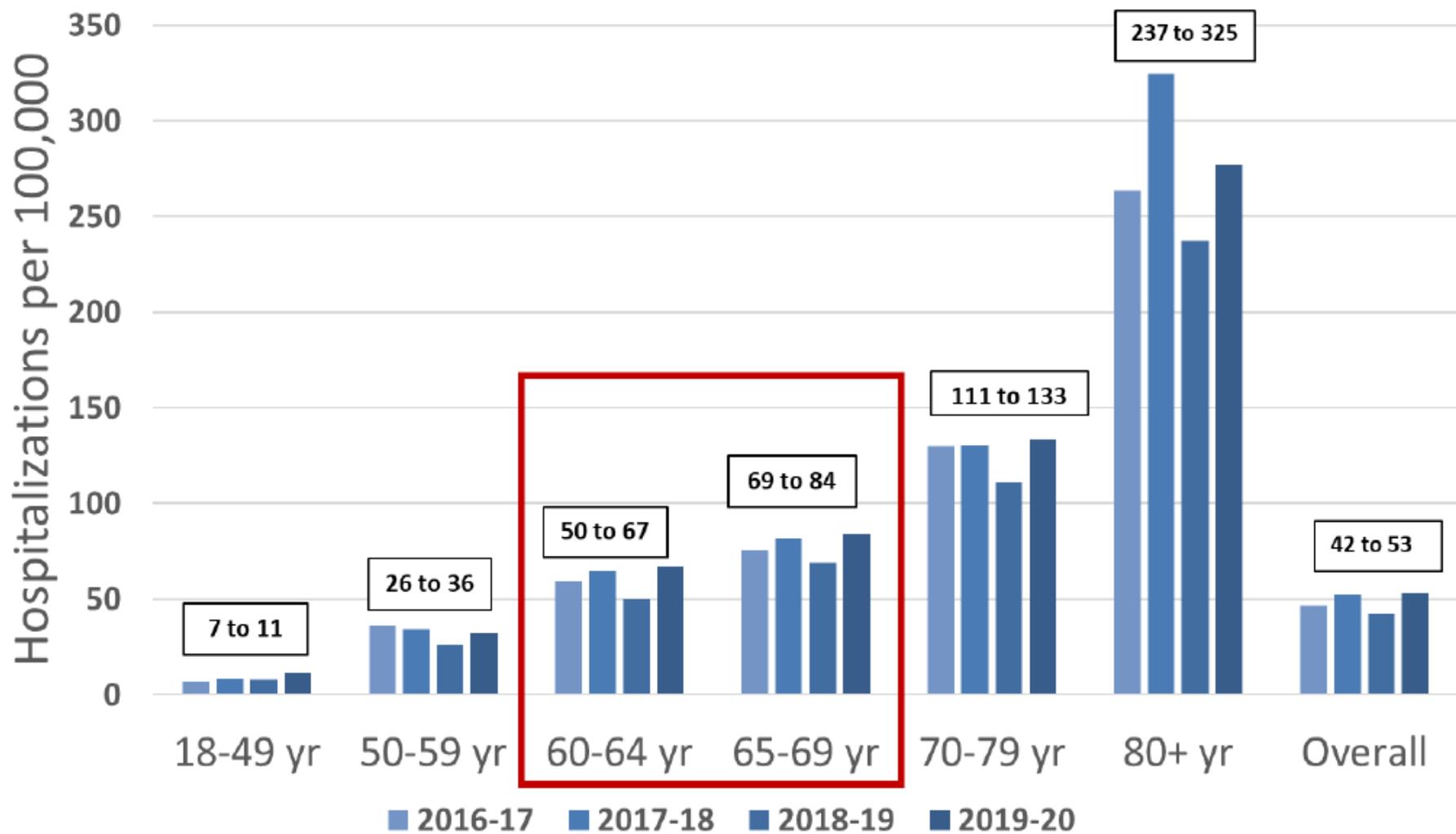


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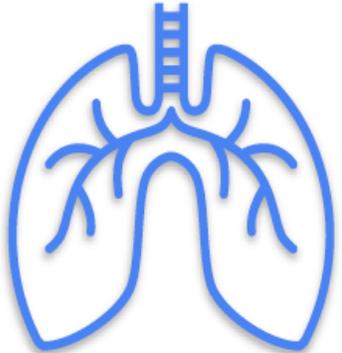
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RSV-associated hospitalization rates by adult age group, RSV-NET 2016–2020

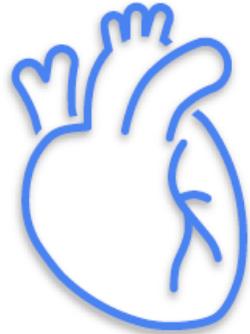


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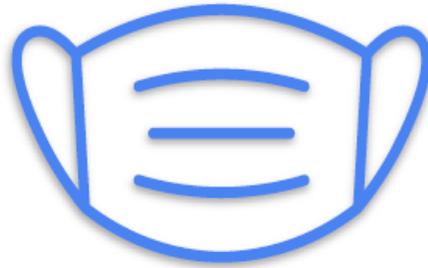
Which adults are at greatest risk for RSV?



**Chronic lung diseases
such as COPD and
asthma**



**Chronic cardiovascular
diseases such as congestive
heart failure and coronary
artery disease**



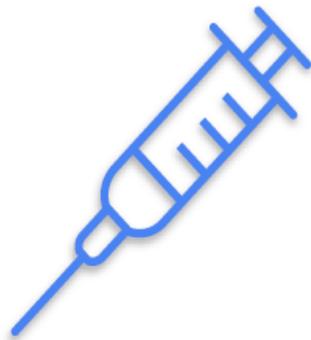
**Immune
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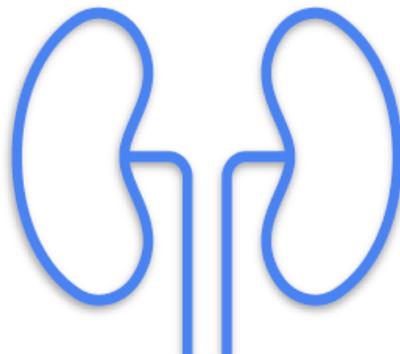
**Hematologic
disorders**



Neurologic disorders



**Endocrine disorders
such as diabetes**



**Kidney and liver
disorders**



**Other underlying conditions or
factors that the provider
determines might increase the
risk of severe respiratory illness**



**Residents of nursing
homes and other long-
term care facilities**

Key Study Definitions



Weekly active surveillance for ARI symptoms
Symptoms trigger nasal swab and possibly a visit



Acute Respiratory Illness (ARI)

1 or more of these symptoms (**new or worsened from baseline**), lasting more than 1 day



Lower Respiratory Tract Illness (LRTI)

ARI with ≥ 2 or ≥ 3 lower respiratory tract signs/symptoms (new or worsened)



Severe LRTI (sLRTI)

LRTI criteria plus at least 1 of the following:

- **Hospitalization** due to RSV-LRTI
- New/increased **oxygen supplementation**
- New/increased **mechanical ventilation** (including CPAP)

RSV-ARI



RSV-LRTI

Positive validated RT-PCR
in central laboratory

RSV-sLRTI

Lessons from Novavax Prepare RSV efficacy study

Geographic imbalance in efficacy

Primary Endpoint Cases

Day 90 Vac. Efficacy (%) Placebo, Vaccine cases	All	U.S.	S. Africa	ROW*
MS RSV LRTI	39.4 35/1430 41/2765	11.6 6/346 10/652	42.5 22/732 25/1447	54.7 7/352 6/666

U.S. efficacy was low compared to other countries by most measures and appears to be related to timing of immunization, including the negative effects of late gestational age immunization and short intervals to birth, conditions which were more common in U.S. subjects.

- Provides proof of principle of safety of maternal RSV vaccination and efficacy over 90 days
 - Reduced overall antimicrobial prescription by 13%
- Larger proportion of US infants vaccinated several months before start of RSV season
- FDA required repeat Phase 3 study – Novavax has discontinued RSV program