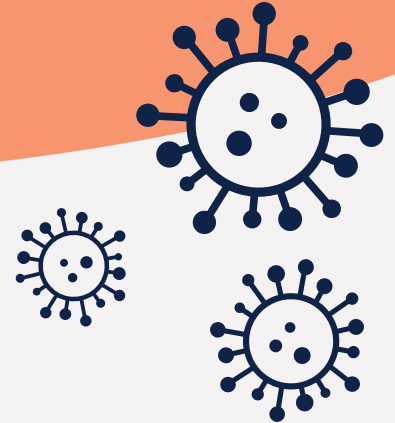


PREVENTIVE TREATMENT AND VACCINATION AGAINST BRONCHIOLITIS:

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INFORMATION FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND YOUNG PARENTS



What is RSV bronchiolitis?

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) bronchiolitis is a very common illness in infants under the age of two.

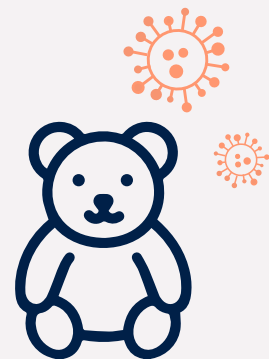
It causes inflammation of the lower respiratory tract: nose, throat and bronchi.



A virus that usually circulates in winter, between September and February.

A contagious virus that is transmitted:

- directly through saliva, coughing, sneezing, etc.
- indirectly through contaminated hands or objects (*dummies, toys, etc.*).



An unpredictable virus:

RSV bronchiolitis is usually not serious, with symptoms similar to those of a cold. In some cases, however, hospitalisation may be necessary.

This virus can cause serious infections, particularly in infants under 6 months of age.

How can newborns and infants be protected from bronchiolitis?

Immunisation against RSV to protect newborns is recommended in Luxembourg. There are two options for achieving this protection: a pregnant woman is vaccinated, or a preventive treatment is administered to the newborn or infant.



Vaccination for pregnant women:

The vaccine is administered to pregnant women between the 32nd and 36th week of pregnancy, to women in good health and with a harmonious pregnancy whose delivery is due the period of high RSV circulation. (from September to February each year)

Route of administration :

This is an inactive bivalent vaccine, administered by intramuscular injection.

It is advisable to ask your gynaecologist or GP for more information about the vaccine and its availability.



Preventive treatment

Preventive treatment is mainly recommended for children born during the period of high RSV circulation (September to February each year).

Route of administration :

This preventive treatment consists of the monoclonal antibody Nirsevimab and is administered by intramuscular injection.

How can my child be given this preventive treatment?

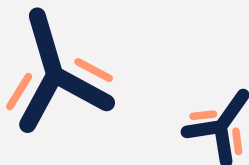
RSV immunisation can be offered:

- to newborn babies as soon as they are born in the maternity

OR

- by paediatricians, who can order it for their patients from the Health Directorate.

We recommend that you ask your paediatrician for more information about preventive treatment and availability.



Further information on:



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