

RSV AWARENESS MONTH



RSV MORTALITY AWARENESS VIDEO

Awareness of RSV as a global health problem is lacking. Each day, 700 children die from RSV which makes it the second cause of infant mortality worldwide. We believe the best way to illustrate the impact of RSV is by putting a face to these numbers. Therefore, we have produced a video entitled “Why we should all know about RSV” about Simone van Wyck, a mother who lost her son due to RSV. This video was recorded in and around the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital in Johannesburg, South Africa in February 2019. The production was made in collaboration with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The video will be shared with the world on the first day of RSVVW'19 and will be available at our website via www.rsvgold.com/awareness

5TH RESVINET CONFERENCE 12-14 NOV 2019 – ACCRA, GHANA

We are looking forward to meet some of our contacts and collaborators during the introductory lunch meeting at RSVVW'19 in Accra, Ghana on November 13. Our annual ISAB meeting will take place on the first day of the conference. Natalie Mazur will present part of RSV GOLD at RSVVW'19. Please find the scientific program here: http://www.resvinet.org/uploads/2/2/2/7/22271200/rsvww_2019_brochure-2.pdf

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NEW INCLUSIONS

We would like to sincerely thank the following collaborators for contributing new cases:

- Dr. Thyyar Ravindranath, Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York-Presbyterian, USA
- Dr. Gemma Saravanos and Dr. Dr Phillip Britton, Kids Research Institute, Level 2, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Australia
- Prof. Dr. Vassiliki Papaevangelou and Dr. Elpiniki Kartsioni, National and Kapodistrian University of Athen, ATTIKON Hospital, Greece
- Dr. Christopher Gill and Leah Forman (MPH), Boston University, USA
- Dr. Steven L. Shein, Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, USA
- Dr. Gilles Cambonie, Montpellier University Hospital Center, France
- The Child Health and Mortality Prevention (CHAMPS) Network

We are happy to share the following facts:

- **1411** cases are included in the RSV GOLD registry
- Collaborators come from **54** countries worldwide
- **7** collaborating countries are LIC's

VISIT FROM DR. W. SU FROM CHINA

Dr. W. Su, general practitioner from Guangzhou Can Am International Medical Center, China, and RSV GOLD collaborator, came to visit us at the Wilhelmina Children's Hospital in Utrecht, the Netherlands. Yvette Löwensteyn (project leader) and Louis Bont (principal investigator) gave Dr. Su and his wife a tour through the hospital and discussed the similarities and differences in pediatric respiratory care between both countries. We look forward to our continued and valuable collaboration!

NEW RSV GOLD MEMBERS

We are happy to share that we have welcomed two new members in our RSV GOLD operations team. Check our Facebook to learn more about them!