

# ANOTHER 4 YEARS FOR RSV GOLD



## RSVW'19 – A GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON NOVEL RSV INTERVENTIONS

On November 12-14, the ReSViNET foundation hosted its 5th conference in Accra, Ghana. The latest research focusing on prevention and treatment of RSV infection was presented by several researchers from around the world. Included topics were burden of RSV disease, molecular virology, RSV immunology, RSV-related recurrent wheeze and asthma and clinical advancements of RSV vaccines and antibodies. Almost 300 attendees from 43 countries attended the conference. RSV GOLD was presented by Natalie Mazur. Natalie shared preliminary data on community and nosocomial deaths and on influenza-related mortality. During the second day of the conference, we invited all RSV GOLD contacts and collaborators to join us for an informal introductory lunch meeting. We look back on a successful and inspiring global meeting! The highlights of the conference were summarized by Louis Bont and Natalie Mazur during a webinar. More information about the conference can be found on the RSVW'19 website.

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

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## NEW INCLUSIONS

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

- Dr. Zhengde Xie, Beijing Children Hospital, China
- Drs. Rosalie Linssen, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Emma Children's Hospital Amsterdam UMC, The Netherlands

## MORTALITY AWARENESS VIDEO

On the 12th of November, we launched our RSV Mortality Awareness Campaign by sharing a personal video about Simone van Wyck, a mother who lost her child due to RSV ([www.rsvgold.com/awareness](http://www.rsvgold.com/awareness)). In total we reached more than 3.4 million views via different social media platforms (Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube) and a national news channel, NOS. Our mission to raise awareness continues. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the campaign!

## RSV GOLD INDEPENDENT SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER '19

On November 12, 2019, the second RSV GOLD Independent Scientific Advisory Board meeting took place during the RSVW'19 conference in Accra, Ghana. The aim of the meeting was to discuss the RSV GOLD project process and to establish new goals for our future projects. We look back positively on an informative, stimulating and fruitful meeting. We thank all the ISAB meeting participants for their great input.

## BMGF GRANT FOR RSV GOLD III

Thanks to our collaborative efforts, RSV GOLD has received a new grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to continue the current registry ("RSV GOLD III"). Together with you, we hope to continue our efforts to collect cases from L(M)IC and we will focus on medical and social vulnerabilities of RSV-related mortality. Furthermore, we will set up 2 new exciting projects: the ICU Network study and the Impact Model study. For the ICU Network study, we will measure real-time RSV-related mortality burden for children <2 years old at ICUs in 10 GAVI-eligible countries worldwide. For the Impact Model study we will expand and improve our previously developed vaccine impact model (Scheltema et al. Vaccine, 2018) by implementing new parameters and focusing on different RSV immunization strategies. We look forward working with you in the coming years!