

NEW PUBLICATION: RSV-RELATED MORTALITY IN CHILDREN WITH DOWN SYNDROME

NEW RSV GOLD PUBLICATION IN PIDJ

We are happy to share that our manuscript on RSV-related mortality in children with Down syndrome has been published as open access article in the *Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal* this month (PMID: 32332221). In total, 53 children with Down syndrome and RSV-related mortality from 20 different countries were included for this analysis. We are grateful to all collaborators who have contributed to this project and look forward to continued and successful collaborations around the globe.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting hundreds of thousands of people all over the world. Many RSV GOLD collaborators are working hard to fight COVID-19. We would like to wish everyone a lot of strength during this difficult time. By all means, we understand that it is not always possible to remain in close contact with us during this pandemic. We are very grateful that many of you still take the time to respond to our emails. We thank you for this and wish you all the best.

We are happy to share the following facts:

- **1480** cases are included in the RSV GOLD registry
- Collaborators come from **57** countries worldwide
- **8** collaborating countries are LIC's

WEBINAR "RSV-RELATED MORTALITY: THE RSV GOLD STUDY"

On March 19th, we had scheduled an interactive RSV GOLD webinar: "RSV-related mortality: The RSV GOLD Study". Unfortunately, we had to postpone due to COVID-19 regulations. We are looking for alternatives to hold the webinar and we will keep you updated on the new date and time. Louis Bont (principal investigator) and Yvette Löwensteyn (project leader) will inform you about the RSV GOLD study and show preliminary results from different projects within RSV GOLD.

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NEW INCLUSIONS

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

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- Dr. Michael Spaeder, University of Virginia, USA
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WELCOME BACK NATALIE MAZUR

Natalie spent the past year working in clinical medicine as a non-resident in the pediatric department at Spaarne Gasthuis in Haarlem. She enjoyed working and learning about patient care in the neonatology and pediatric wards as well as the emergency room. In April she has returned to finish her PhD in the RSV research group focussing on the foundations for an RSV maternal vaccine. Together with Yvette she will lead the RSV GOLD study.