



RSV GOLD

A Global Mortality Database for Children with RSV Infection

RSV GOLD Authorship and Publication Plan

Authorship

We are eager to collaborate with third parties who contribute data to RSV GOLD. We employ authorship principles according to the ICMJE guidelines and will adhere to the four ICMJE criteria for individual authorship of main deliverables for RSV GOLD.

The ICMJE recommends that authorship is based on the following four criteria:

1. Substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis or interpretation of data for the work
2. Drafting the work or revising it critically for important intellectual content;
3. Final approval of the version to be published
4. Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved.

All authors shall meet all four criteria for individual authorship, and all who meet the four criteria shall be identified as individual authors.

Group Authorship

By default, two authors per collaborating institution will be mentioned as group-authors. The group-authorship will be listed as "the RSV-GOLD group". A maximum of two authors per collaborating institution can be included to the RSV-GOLD group and will be listed with individual names in the manuscript. If the byline includes a group name, MEDLINE will list the names of individual group members, if there is a note associated with the byline clearly stating that the individual names are elsewhere in the paper.¹

For more information, please visit: <http://www.icmje.org/icmje-recommendations.pdf>. For an example please see: Eysenbach G, CONSORT-EHEALTH Group. CONSORT- EHEALTH: improving and standardizing evaluation reports of Web-based and mobile health interventions. J Med Internet Res. 2011;13(4)

Publication Plan

This is a combined retrospective and prospective study large enough to describe characteristics of children dying from confirmed RSV infection which builds forth upon a pilot project case series of RSV mortality cases (Scheltema et al, Lancet Global Health 2017). The results of this study will be instrumental to determine the expected reduction in RSV-related childhood mortality by a future maternal RSV vaccine. Results for this study will be published in a high quality peer reviewed journal and presented at scientific meeting(s). Louis Bont will be senior author.

¹ ICMJE, Recommendations for the conduct, reporting, editing and publication of scholarly work in medical journals, December 2017, available from: <http://www.icmje.org/icmje-recommendations.pdf>

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