

LOOKING BACK AT 2021

Despite the challenging year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we are proud to share the milestones that the RSV GOLD II registry and the RSV GOLD III - ICU Network Study have achieved in the past year.

In 2021, the RSV GOLD II registry has grown with:



280 new mortality cases



8 new countries, of which **1** low income country



25 new collaborators

In 2021, the RSV GOLD III - ICU Network Study has grown with:



12 participating hospitals in **11** countries



684 children were tested for RSV



more than **70** collaborators

We could not have achieved this without our collaborators, which is why we would like to thank all of you once again for your hard work and dedication!

AFGHANISTAN

Unfortunately, due to the current situation in Afghanistan, the collaboration of the RSV GOLD III - ICU Network Study with the Balkh Regional Hospital in Mazar-e Sharif had to be halted. Our thoughts are with the people in Afghanistan.

NEW INCLUSIONS

We would like to thank our collaborators Dr. Patrick Gavin and Eilish Moore (Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin, Dublin) and Dr. Olivier Fléchelles (University Hospital of Martinique, Fort-de-France) for reporting new mortality cases to the RSV GOLD II registry in the past three months.

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WELCOMING 2022

January 2022 marks the fifth anniversary of the RSV GOLD II registry. The first mortality cases included in our database were shared with us on the 24th of January 2017. Ever since we have included more than 1500 mortality cases in total from 75 countries.



In 2022, the RSV GOLD III - ICU Network Study will welcome two new team members:

NEELE RAVE

With the beginning of March 2022 Neele Rave will join the RSV GOLD III - ICU Network Study team. After finishing her studies in Biomedical Sciences, Neele has worked as a research assistant in the RSV group, which sparked her interest in the field. Neele will soon start with her new position as PhD candidate and will temporarily take over the lead of the RSV GOLD III - ICU Network Study from Yvette Löwensteyn, as Yvette will be on a leave of absence to work as a doctor in pediatrics.

"Having a strong interest in global health, it is a privilege for me to become part of the RSV Gold team. I'm looking forward to work together with this highly motivated team, striving to understand the characteristics of young children with RSV infection admitted to the intensive care units around the world. This will enable me to contribute to a brighter future where infants worldwide can be protected from RSV."



LIEKE VAN DE KAM

From the 22nd of November 2021 Lieke van de Kam has joined the RSV GOLD III - ICU Network Study team. She is a sixth year medical student at the University of Utrecht and has worked for several studies within the RSV research group the past few years. She recently visited the Edward Francis Small Teaching Hospital in Banjul, The Gambia to help set up the ICU Network Study there.

"I am very proud to be part of the RSV GOLD III - ICU Network Study team, together we aim for more insights into the characteristics of children with life-threatening RSV infection."

