

UPDATE - THE ICU NETWORK STUDY

At the beginning of 2021 we started the RSV GOLD III - ICU Network Study. This study aims to collect demographic and clinical characteristics of children who are hospitalized with RSV infection in low- and middle-income countries. This research is conducted by the Wilhelmina Children's Hospital in the Netherlands in collaboration with ten study sites in Bolivia, Cameroon, The Gambia, Ghana, Haiti, Mozambique, Nepal, Nigeria, Sudan and Tanzania during two RSV seasons. As of right now:



1178 patients have been included



± 30% of patients are tested **positive for RSV**, in line with available literature

All ten study sites that participate in our study are currently active. The study teams in Ghana and Nigeria are about to finish their second season and with the beginning of December Sudan has started including patients again. Bolivia was the last study site to become active, they are going to start their second season in February. We expect to have all data collected by the end of 2023.

NEW TEAM MEMBER: SARA

One of our newest assets to the RSV GOLD III - ICU Network Study team is Sara Koopsen. Sara is a fifth year medical student and worked as a research assistant previously for another project within the RSV research group.



"The RSV GOLD III - ICU Network Study combines both my loves for paediatric- and global health, which makes it really exciting to work on. I find myself surrounded with really eager, hardworking and lovely colleagues, which makes me believe this study will be successful and will make a difference for the lives of children worldwide."

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NEW INCLUSIONS- RSV GOLD II

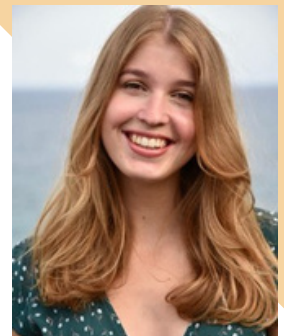
We would like to thank the following collaborators for contributing new cases to the RSV GOLD II registry:

- **James Nokes** and **Nickson Murunga** of the Epidemiology and Demography Department of the KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Research Programme, Kilifi, Kenya
- **Prof. Ejaz Ahmed Khan** and **Hafiz Muhammad Faras** from the Shifa International Hospital, Islamabad, Pakistan
- **Dr. Lorenzo Lodi** and **dr. Federica Barbati** of the Pediatric Immunology Unit, Meyer Children's Hospital and the department of Health Sciences, University of Florence, Florence, Italy
- **Dr. Abdulla Alfraj**, of the Department of Pediatrics, Ahmadi (KOC) Hospital, Ahmadi City, Kuwait and **dr. Mohammad Alghounaim** of the Department of Pediatrics, Amiri Hospital and Farwaniya Hospital, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- **Prof. Bernard Resch** and **dr. Gülsen Sever Yildiz** of the Department of Paediatrics and adolescent medicine, Medical University of Graz, Graz, Austria

NEW TEAM MEMBER: JOLIJN

At the start of September, Jolijn van der Geest joined the RSV GOLD III - ICU Network Study team. She is a medical student at Utrecht University with a background in Biomedical Sciences. Early during her studies, she took a special interest in immunology and infectious diseases.

"When I learned about the RSV Gold III - ICU Network Study, I immediately resonated with the research goal. I think it is very important to know which children are at risk for serious RSV infection, in order to bring healthcare to these children all over the world in an effective manner. I am honored to become part of this motivated team."



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The RSV GOLD team wants to wish all of our collaborators happy holidays this upcoming season. We want to thank you for your support and dedication!