

NEW CHALLENGE: 100XGOLD!

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100XGOLD FOR MORE AWARENESS

Raising awareness is an integral part of the challenge against RSV-mortality. To this end, we have launched a new project: 100xGOLD. This project entails 100 presentations hosted over one year at various national conferences, global health meetings, and health policy events in low- and middle-income countries to raise awareness of RSV-related infant mortality. Therefore, we are inviting enthusiastic researchers or clinicians to join the 100xGOLD team as a GOLD ambassador by hosting any number of these presentations. For sign-ups, inquiries, or suggestions, please contact us via our email: 100xgold@umcutrecht.nl.



RSV GOLD III - HEALTH ECONOMICS STUDY

In the beginning of February we officially started with the RSV GOLD III – Health Economics Study. The study aims to estimate the costs of acute respiratory infections associated with RSV infection among children < 2 years of age being admitted to the hospital as well as those being seen at the outpatient clinic in GAVI eligible countries. At 5 of the 10 RSV GOLD – ICU Network Study sites in collaboration with PATH we are performing a cost-of-illness study and a cost-effectiveness analysis. Participating study sites are Mozambique, Nepal, Nigeria, Ghana and Cameroon.

Neele Rave, project coordinator of the RSV GOLD – Health Economics Study, got the chance to visit the study team in Mozambique. Together with colleagues from PATH, they visited the study facilities, met with country colleagues & local stakeholders and conducted a data collector training. We are thankful for the great collaboration with the University Eduardo Mondlane and Maputo Central Hospital, Mozambique.



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NEW TEAM MEMBER: ANNEMIJN

We are very happy to announce that Annemijn van den Doel has joined the RSV GOLD II study team. She is a first year Selective Utrecht Medical Master (SUMMA) student at Utrecht University with a background in BSc Biomedical Sciences. She has a special interest in immunology and infectious diseases, because there are still many gains to be made in this field in terms of prevention and treatment.



"I've always felt very privileged with the country I was born in and the health care system that came with it. With the RSV GOLD project I think we can be of great value in improving the life expectancy of young children in third world countries suffering from a RSV infection. As a member of the RSV GOLD team you have a lot of freedom and you can use creativity to work up to this goal which makes me very excited about this project!"

RSVVW'23 - A GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON NOVEL RSV PREVENTIVE & THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTIONS

Last week, on February 22-24, the ReSViNET foundation hosted its 7th conference in Lisbon, Portugal. The latest research focusing on different prevention strategies of RSV infection was presented by several researchers from around the world. Included topics were Burden of RSV Disease, Global RSV Epidemiology, RSV Clinical Interventions & Their Global Use, Vaccine Delivery & Uptake and Health Economics Regarding mAbs and Maternal Vaccination.

More than 550 attendees from 48 countries attended the conference. RSV GOLD was presented by Yvette Löwensteyn, who got the chance to share preliminary data on the ICU Network Study. During the conference we also invited all RSV GOLD contacts and collaborators from LMIC settings to



become 100x RSV GOLD ambassadors. We look back on a successful and inspiring global meeting! The highlights of the conference as well as more information can be found on the RSVVW'23 website.

NEW INCLUSIONS - RSV GOLD II

We sincerely would like to thank dr. Fahmida Chowdhury and dr. Ariful Islam from the Infectious Diseases Division, International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research in Dhaka, Bangladesh for contributing new cases to our registry.