

FIRST 1000 INCLUSIONS FOR THE HEALTH ECONOMICS STUDY

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UPDATE ON THE 100xGOLD PROJECT

We would like to give you a brief update on the 100xGOLD project, aimed at delivering 100 presentations on RSV in LMICs within a year to increase awareness on RSV burden among young children. Our recent 100xGOLD expert gathering on July 18th marked a stride forward. This event allowed us to witness the enthusiasm of our GOLD ambassadors. The session started with a short update by professor Louis Bont on emerging RSV maternal vaccination studies, shedding light on promising vaccine development. Subsequently, our GOLD ambassadors shared their experiences from their 100xGOLD presentations. A fruitful discussion generated creative ideas for future presentations, underscoring the urgency of spreading RSV awareness among healthcare providers, (future) mothers, and policymakers to bolster vaccine acceptance and reduce child mortality.

As of today, the first 5 presentations have been successfully delivered. Moreover, we have 5 more 100xGOLD presentations scheduled for the coming weeks. With 8 months left, our goal of delivering 90 additional presentations necessitates a heightened pace. If you are interested in joining this challenge, please send us an email at 100xGOLD@umcutrecht.nl. We encourage you to share our email address with those who might share the same interest.

RSV GOLD PRESENTATIONS

We are putting ongoing efforts in raising global RSV awareness through presentations at several conferences.

Yvette Löwensteyn shared interim results from the RSV GOLD – ICU Network study at the European Society for Pediatric Intensive and Neonatal Care (ESPINC) in Athens, Greece.

Additionally, she presented at the global experts' meeting (GEM) preconference course in Turin, Italy. Upcoming RSV GOLD presentations will be held at the World Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (WSPID) conference (Durban, South Africa) and at the European Congress on Tropical Medicine and International Health (Utrecht, the Netherlands).



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NEW TEAM MEMBER: SOPHIE

We are very happy to inform you that Sophie ten Have has joined the RSV GOLD III study team as a student research assistant. She is 21 years old and graduated in January with a Bachelor of Science in (Bio-)medical Sciences from the University College Utrecht. From September through December 2022, she did her internship at the RSV GOLD III group and has written her thesis on health economics in relation to RSV in lower-middle income countries.



"I am very excited to have now also joined the team as a student research assistant, and work together in a team full of other ambitious students. It really feels like a full circle moment to see the RSV-GOLD III Health Economics study finally up and running, as during my internship it was still in the process of setting up, and I am looking forward to see the results and improving my research skills throughout the study!"

HEALTH ECONOMICS STUDY UPDATE

In February 2023, our collaborators in Mozambique initiated the recruitment process as our first study site for the cost-of-illness study. Since July 2023, all four study sites (Ghana, Mozambique, Nepal & Nigeria) are active. With a specific focus on identifying expenses related to acute respiratory illness linked to RSV infection, with the RSV GOLD III – Health Economics Study we not only focus on children <2 years of age begin admitted to the hospital, but also on outpatient cases. Through the dedicated efforts of our study teams we have successfully included the first 1000 patients. In the coming month, we will persist in recruiting, enhancing our cost data collection, and conducting preliminary data analysis. At the same time, we're involved in performing a cost-effectiveness analysis in Cameroon, Mozambique, Nepal and Nigeria.

For more information on the Health Economics study, we encourage you to visit our new page on rsvgold.com.

NEW INCLUSIONS- RSV GOLD II

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