

Protect your baby from Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)



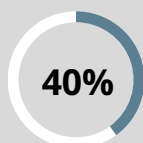
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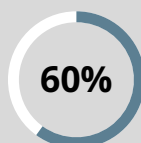
What are the risks of RSV?

RSV is a common virus that circulates during the fall and winter and spreads easily through coughs, sneezes, or contact with contaminated surfaces.

RSV is especially dangerous for babies under 6 months old. RSV in young babies can cause bronchiolitis (inflammation of the small airways in their lungs), and pneumonia.



2 of 5 babies admitted to the hospital for an RSV infection are between 0-2 months old.



3 of 5 babies who get sick enough to require intensive care are between 0-5 months old.

How can I protect my baby?

Talk to your family doctor, nurse practitioner or community health nurse to find out more about Nirsevimab or Abrysvo as an option to protect your baby from RSV.

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Nirsevimab

(Infant Antibody)

- ✓ Pre-made antibodies in a single shot given to babies shortly after birth.
- ✓ Protects baby (no protection for the pregnant parent).

Nirsevimab lowers a baby's risk of hospitalization from RSV by:



Nirsevimab is funded through the BC Children's Hospital for eligible infants.

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Abrysvo

(Maternal RSVpreF Vaccine)

- ✓ Recommended between 32 and 36 weeks of pregnancy.
- ✓ Protects **both** the pregnant parent and their baby from RSV.

Abrysvo lowers a baby's risk of hospitalization from RSV by:



Abrysvo is eligible for coverage through First Nations Health Benefits, if you meet the qualifications