

MEDICAL EDUCATION

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TRENDING MEDICAL EDUCATION TOPIC

RSV and Pediatric Respiratory Illness

If your medical staff needs an update on the treatment of pediatric respiratory illness, including RSV, consider contacting our office to book a speaker on this topic at 877-505-4777 or info@speakersnetwork.com.

What is the problem

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms, which clear up in 1-2 weeks. However, RSV can be serious, especially for infants under One year and for older adults. Each year in the United States, RSV leads to approximately 58,000 hospitalizations among children under Five, and 177,000 hospitalizations among adults 65 and over. It is estimated that 100-300 children younger than 5, and 14,000 adults 65 and older die each year from RSV-related infections. This year an unexpected spike in RSV is pushing some hospitals to capacity this year. With more children back in school and daycare, children who haven't been previously exposed to respiratory illnesses are getting sick. Healthcare professionals must identify and treat RSV infections, especially in the most vulnerable populations.

Learning Objectives

- Become aware of the epidemiology and clinical presentation of RSV infection
- List factors that increase the risk of contracting RSV
- Identify high-risk groups which should receive RSV prophylaxis

How do we know this is a problem

<https://www.cdc.gov/rsv/index.html>

<https://www.npr.org/2022/10/24/1130764314/childrens-hospitals-rsv-surge>

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eprp/lahan/alerts/CDPHRSV100322.pdf>