

PROSPECTIVE MORTALITY SURVEILLANCE



Clockwise: Dr. Hamdalla Adelaiye (middle top row), Dr. Fatimah Abdullahi, Dr. Maria Garba, Dr. Fatima Giwa and Dr. Abiola Oloruokoba

We are happy to share the following facts:

- **981** cases are included in the RSV GOLD registry
- Collaborators come from **49** countries worldwide
- **7** collaborating countries are LIC's
- These LIC's represent **4,1** % of the mortality cases

INTRODUCING YVETTE LÖWENSTEYN

We would like to introduce Yvette Löwensteyn, the new project leader for the RSV GOLD study. Yvette is a medical doctor who has worked in emergency medicine the last 6 months. She is joining the RSV research group as a clinician-investigator focussing on RSV-related mortality in high-risk groups.



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NEW INCLUSIONS

We would like to sincerely thank the following collaborators for contributing new cases:

- Dr. Spaeder from University of Virginia School of Medicine in the United States of America
- Dr. Horton from London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine in the United Kingdom
- Dr. Simoes and Dr. Hessong from Children's Hospital Colorado in the United States of America
- Dr. Wanlapakorn from Chulalongkorn University in Thailand
- Dr. Gabutti from University of Ferrara in Italy
- Dr. Stolyarov from the Research Institute of Influenza in the Russian Federation

PILOT STUDY IN NIGERIA

In July 2018 we have started a very promising collaboration with Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital in Zaria, Nigeria with a prospective pilot study to measure real-time RSV-related mortality. We would like to thank the motivated, dedicated and capable team ("the ABU RSV team") which includes Dr. Hamdalla Adelaiye (senior resident pediatrician), Dr. Maria Garba (pediatric infectious disease specialist), Dr. Fatima Giwa (clinical microbiologist), Dr. Victor Olisah (psychiatrist), Dr. Fatimah Abdullahi (neonatologist) and Dr. Abiola Oloruokoba (cardio-pulmonologist). Nigeria has the 6th highest under 5 mortality rate globally. This team is relentlessly dedicated to gaining a better understanding of RSV-associated deaths in their setting, one of the largest teaching hospitals on the African continent. Despite RSV testing not previously being available, the team has pooled local resources to make RSV testing available.

PHD THESIS

Lastly, we would like to announce Nienke Scheltema's PhD thesis 'Respiratory syncytial virus-related disease burden in young children'. Her PhD thesis can be downloaded via the following link:
<https://www.gildeprint.nl/flippingbook/6681-respiratory-syncytial-virus-related-disease-burden-in-young-children/>.

Thank you and best wishes,
 Natalie Mazur, on behalf of the RSV GOLD team