

RSV GOLD: 40 COUNTRIES



Welcoming RSV GOLD collaborators at the RSVVW conference with Ichelle van Roessel, Aline Veurink and Emily Phijffer.

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The RSV GOLD Newsletter aims to inform all participants, involved parties and those interested in the RSV GOLD project about recent developments. It will give an update every three months on the RSV GOLD-II project. If you want to be removed from or add others to the mailing list please let us know.

If you have any questions about this project or if you are interested and willing to share data with us, please do not hesitate to contact us.



The updated RSV GOLD world map with two of our medical researchers: Dunja Scheepmaker and Trisja Boom.

LOOKING BACK AT RSVVW

The **RSV Vaccines for the World conference** took place in December 2017 in Málaga, Spain. The RSV GOLD team welcomed collaborators from all over the world. Several presentations referred to RSV GOLD during the conference session on RSV mortality. Emily Phijffer and Juliette Simons from the GOLD team presented a poster on "characteristics of children with Down Syndrome who died with RSV infection" with the initial data from RSV GOLD. Finally, the RSV GOLD twitter was launched during the conference. Please see details below to follow us on Twitter.

Furthermore, we are happy to share that we have now included **770 cases** in the RSV GOLD database from **40 countries** around the world. We would like to thank the following collaborators for contributing new cases to the registry since our last newsletter: Dr. Kent Thorburn from Alder Hey Children's Hospital in the UK, Dr. Sule Gökçe from Ege University Medical Faculty in Turkey, Dr. Sonia Raboni from Universidade Federal do Paraná in Brazil, Dr. Michael Hawkes from University of Alberta in Canada, Dr. Quique Bassat from Barcelona Institute for Global Health in Spain and Dr. Haoua Tall and Dr. Brad Gessner from Agence Medecine Preventive in France. We look forward to new and continued collaborations from researchers, physicians and other stakeholders.

Lastly, on January 2nd, the results of the publication in the Lancet Global Health (Scheltema et al, 2017) of the pilot data were mentioned widely in the **Dutch press**, underscoring the importance of the RSV GOLD project.

Thank you and best wishes,

Natalie Mazur, on behalf of the RSV GOLD team

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