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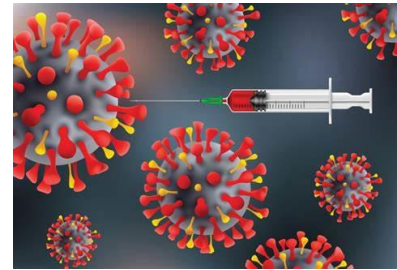
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RSV

What is RSV?

- Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) typically causes mild, self-limiting (one to two weeks) cold-like symptoms.
- Serious RSV infections can cause respiratory distress, bronchiolitis, pneumonia, hospitalization, and death.
- The typical season for RSV is from fall through late winter



Who is at risk of severe RSV disease?

- Infants and children less than two years.
- Up to 40% of first RSV infections in children under one year result in bronchiolitis.
- RSV is a leading cause of hospitalization of infants in the US.
- Children with lung disease (e.g., congenital airway anomalies, chronic lung disease of prematurity, cystic fibrosis), congenital heart disease, neuromuscular disorders, Down syndrome, immunosuppressive disorders, and some infants in remote communities
- Older adults and patients with chronic lung disease, heart disease, or immunosuppressive disorders.

How can RSV be prevented?

- RSV is transmitted via respiratory droplets (inhaled and from contact with contaminated surfaces).
- Prevent transmission of RSV (and other respiratory illnesses) by:
 - coughing or sneezing into a tissue or your shirt sleeve/elbow
 - washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
 - avoiding close contact with people when you feel ill cleaning frequently touched surfaces
- Monoclonal antibody formulations are available to prevent RSV in infants and young children
 - Provide passive immunization.
 - Protection wanes over time.
 - Must be administered in a clinic or hospital.
- RSV vaccines are available for pregnant patients and adults over 60 years
- Infants can be protected with either maternal immunization OR monoclonal antibodies. Most infants do not need both.



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