

RSV Patient Network

Raise awareness of RSV

RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) is a very common and contagious cold virus. Most of the time, it causes symptoms of a common cold such as coughing or a runny nose, but the virus can also cause severe disease, especially in babies and older adults,

Even though RSV is a very common virus and many children are hospitalised with a severe RSV infection in winter, only few people know about it. Young parents are shocked when their baby is suddenly hospitalised with breathing difficulties, and sometimes has to stay on ventilation in the intensive care unit for weeks. This needs to change!

RSV Patient Network (RSV-PN) was established by parents of children who suffered from a (severe) RSV infection during infancy. We want people to know about RSV, so they are aware of the risks and know how to recognise severe infection in time. We feel RSV should be right there of the list of childhood diseases everybody knows about.

Besides raising awareness we are involved as parent representatives in research projects studying prevention and treatment of serious RSV infections. As such, members of RSV-PN form the Patient Advisory Board to the European research consortium RESCEU. This is a pan-European multi-stakeholder community of partners from academia, public health, scientific societies, patient organisations, regulatory agencies and the private sector including pharma and SMEs. In this context we work with researchers of **Turku University Hospital / University of Oxford, University of Edinburgh and Imperial College.**

Should you want more information about RSV or the activities of RSV-PN, please visit our webpage or send us an email.

Best regards,
RSV Patient Network