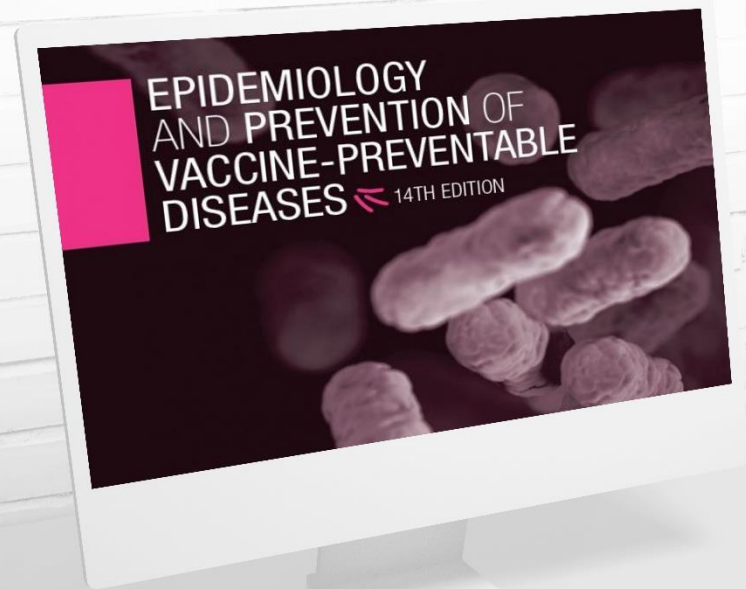


Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Immunization Products

Pink Book Web-on-Demand Series





Learning Objectives

- Describe the fundamental principles of the immune response.
- Describe immunization best practices.
- Describe an emerging immunization issue.
- For each vaccine-preventable disease, identify those for whom routine immunization is recommended.
- For each vaccine-preventable disease, describe characteristics of the vaccine used to prevent the disease.
- Locate current immunization resources to increase knowledge of team's role in program implementation for improved team performance.

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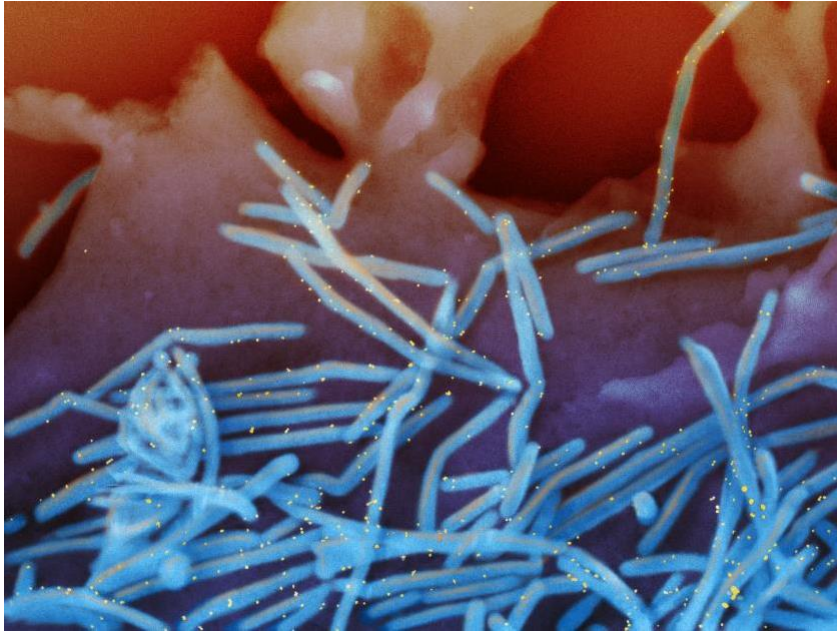
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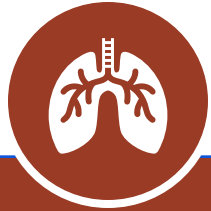
RSV Disease

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)



- Name derived from syncytia that form when infected cells fuse
- RNA pneumovirus
- Two major subtypes:
 - A
 - B

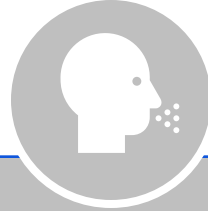
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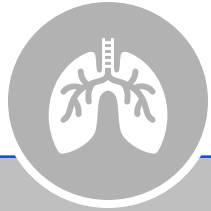


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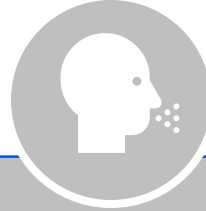
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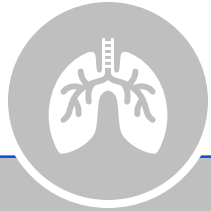


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RSV Communicability



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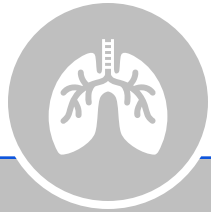


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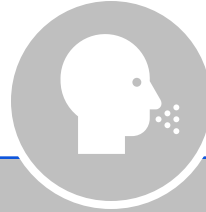
RSV Temporal Pattern



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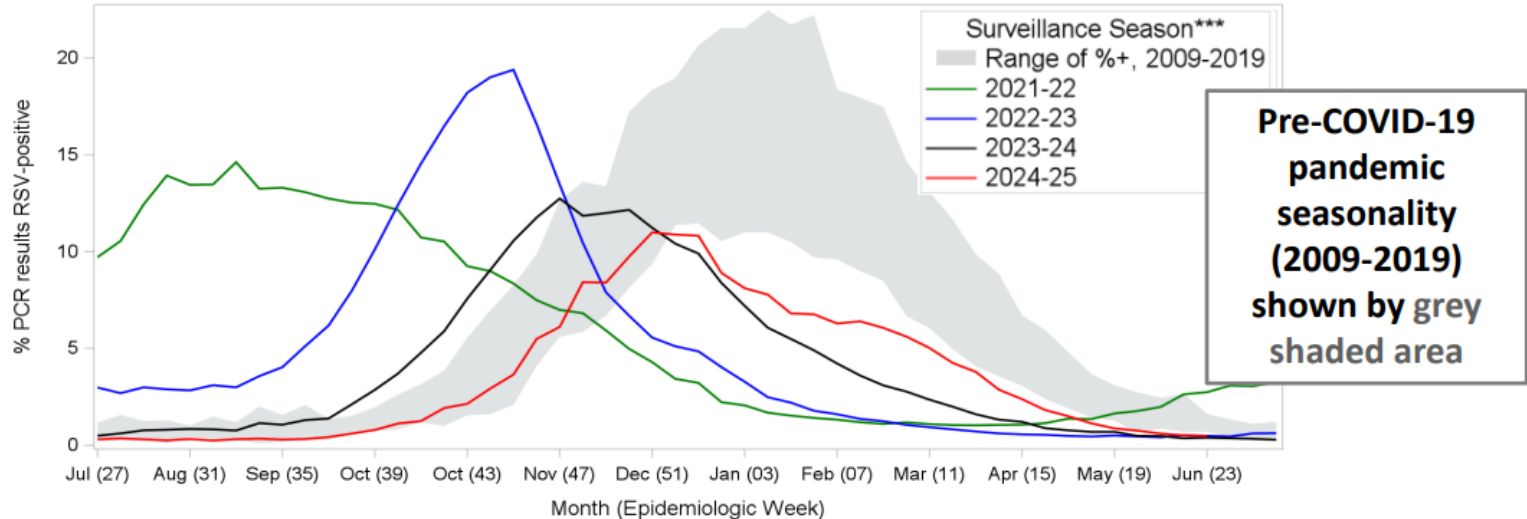
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RSV Seasonality in the United States

Percentage* of polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test results positive for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)**, by epidemiologic week — National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System, United States, July 2009–June 2025



Notes: Report was last updated on 6/17/2025.

*All results presented are from polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests, which represent >90% of the diagnostic tests reported to NREVSS. The last three weeks of data in 2024-25 may be less complete.

NREVSS is an abbreviation for the National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System. For more information on NREVSS, please visit National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System | CDC.

**Respiratory syncytial virus types A and B are not shown separately in this report.

***The NREVSS surveillance season runs from the first week in July through June of the following year

RSV Clinical Features in *Infants and Children*

- Most infants with RSV infection are symptomatic.
- Early symptoms can include rhinorrhea (runny nose), nasal congestion, cough, and decreased appetite.
- Fever can occur early in illness.
- Very young infants can experience irritability, decreased activity, and apnea (pauses in breathing for more than 10 seconds).



Severe RSV Disease in *Infants and Children*

- RSV disease can become severe a few days into illness.
- **Lower respiratory tract infection:**
 - Bronchiolitis (inflammation of small airways in lung)
 - Pneumonia (infection and inflammation of the alveoli)
- **Can lead to hospitalization requiring supplemental oxygen, enteral or intravenous fluids, and mechanical ventilation.**
- **2–3% of young infants are hospitalized for RSV**
 - Highest rates in the first months of life; risk declines with increasing age
 - Majority of children aged <2 years had no underlying medical conditions

Annual RSV Burden Among U.S. *Infants and Children*

Among children younger than 5 years of age, before maternal RSV vaccine or infant RSV antibody recommendations:



~2,000,000
medical encounters



58,000–80,000
hospitalizations
*Leading cause of
infant hospitalizations*



100–300 deaths

Risk Factors for Severe RSV Disease in *Infants and Children*

- Infants and young children (the younger the age, the higher the risk)
- Premature infants
- American Indian and Alaska Native children
- Children with:
 - Chronic lung disease
 - Congenital (present from birth) heart disease
 - Weakened immune systems
 - Severe cystic fibrosis
 - Neuromuscular disorders, especially those with difficulty swallowing or clearing mucus secretions

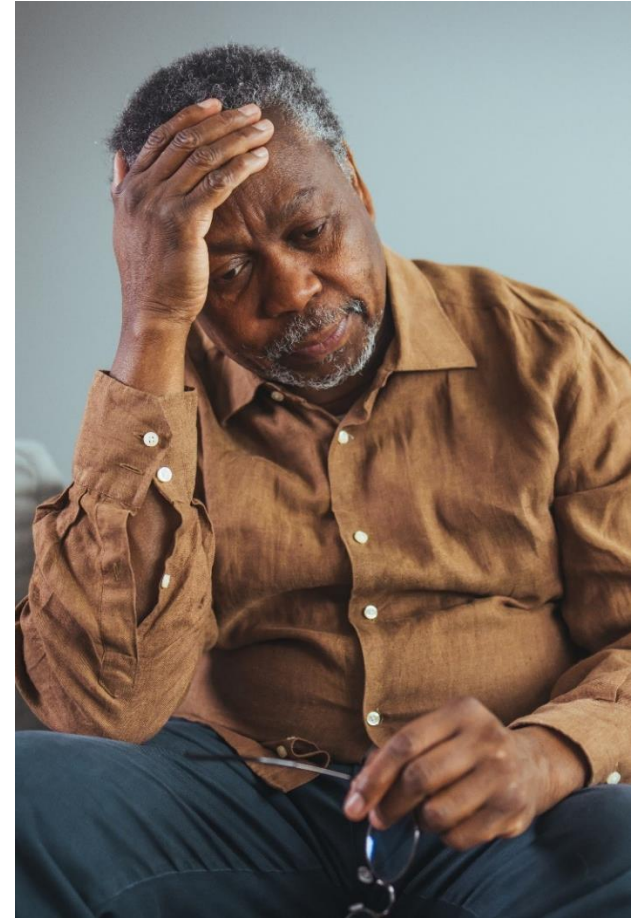
RSV Clinical Features in *Adults*



- In adults, RSV usually causes mild symptoms but can also cause more severe disease.
- Symptoms usually consistent with an upper respiratory tract infection:
 - Rhinorrhea, pharyngitis (sore throat), cough, headache, fatigue, fever
- Milder illness will resolve in 1 to 2 weeks.
- Adults with certain risk factors are at higher risk of developing severe RSV disease.

RSV Complications in *Adults*

- In older adults and adults with certain medical conditions, RSV can lead to hospitalization due to:
 - Lower respiratory tract RSV disease (e.g., pneumonia)
 - Exacerbation of medical conditions including asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), heart failure
- Among unvaccinated adults, disease severity is similar to COVID-19 and influenza.
- Often require follow-up care and skilled nursing after hospital discharge.



Annual RSV Burden Among *Adults Ages 50 Years and Older* in the United States



~2,400,000
outpatient visits



~1,800,000
emergency
department visits

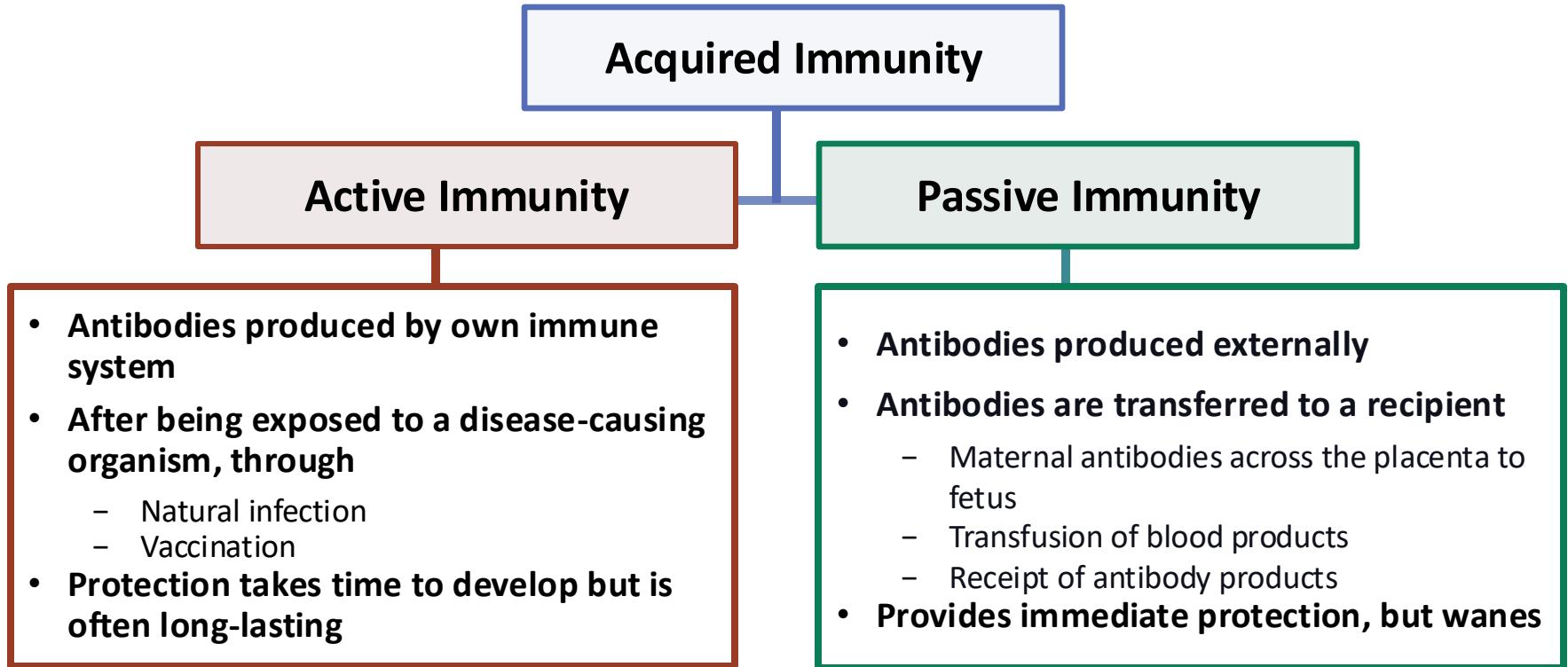


~200,000
hospitalizations

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Immunization Products for Prevention of Severe RSV Disease in Infants

Active and Passive Immunity



Choose One Product to Prevent Severe RSV Disease in Infants



Maternal RSV vaccination
- Pfizer Abrysvo

- **or** -



Infant RSV antibody
- Nirsevimab
- Clesrovimab

Most infants will *not* need both maternal vaccination and an RSV antibody.

Maternal RSV Vaccination: Pfizer Abrysvo



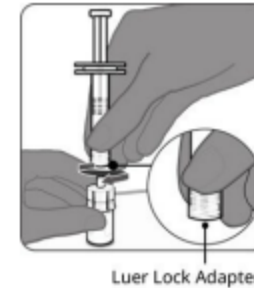
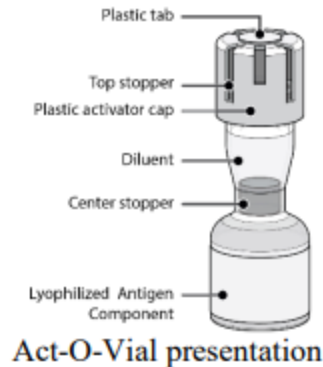
- **Pfizer's bivalent RSV prefusion (RSVpreF) vaccine**
 - Protein subunit vaccine
- **Requires reconstitution**
- **Single dose, 0.5mL**
- **Antibodies are transferred transplacentally to fetus**
 - At least 14 days are needed for development and transplacental transfer of maternal antibodies
 - Protects infants from birth through 6 months of age from lower respiratory tract disease (LRTD) and severe LRTD



Pfizer Abrysvo Requires Reconstitution

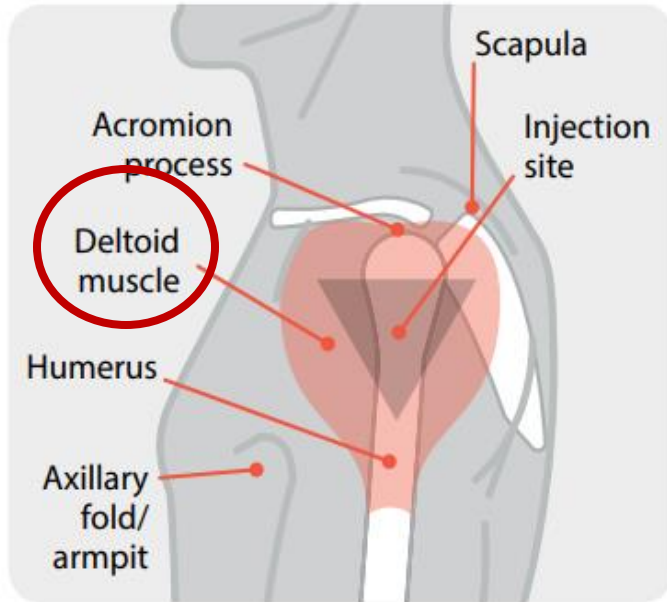


- Each **Act-O-Vial** contains lyophilized antigen powder (a sterile white powder) and sterile water diluent.
- Each **vial and prefilled syringe kit** includes a vial of lyophilized antigen powder, a prefilled syringe containing sterile water diluent, and a vial adapter.



Refer to the vaccine package insert for specific preparation details.

Pfizer Abrysvo Administration

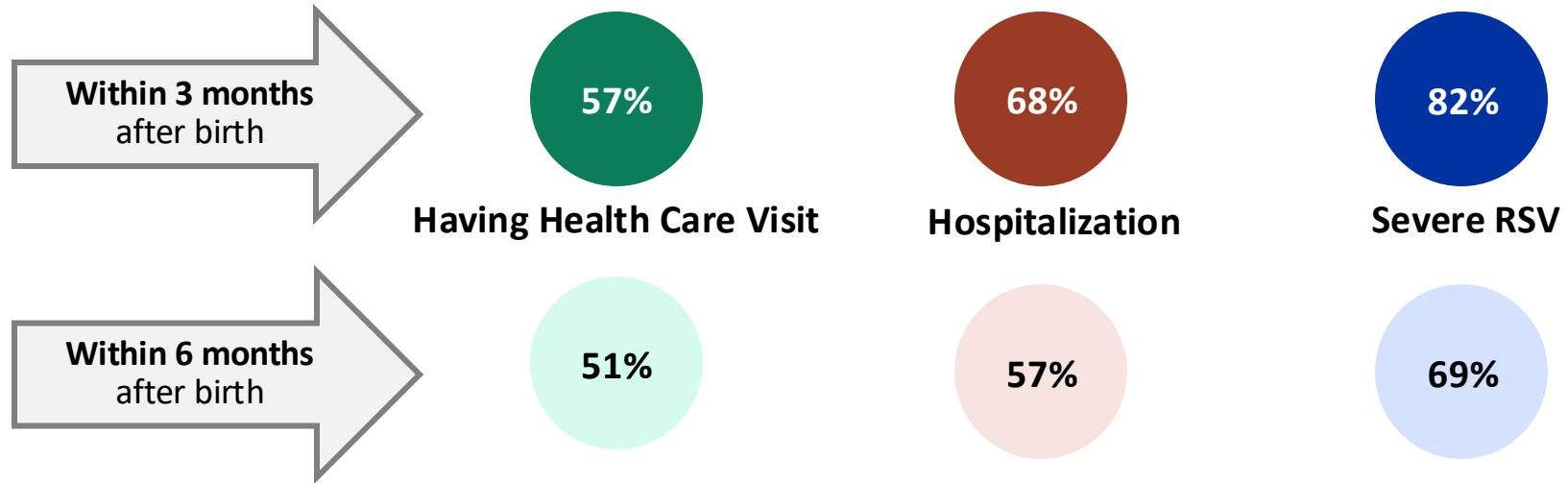


- **Route**
 - Intramuscular injection
- **Site**
 - Deltoid region of the upper arm
 - Alternate: Vastus lateralis muscle of anterolateral thigh
- **Coadministration**
 - Simultaneous administration with other recommended vaccinations is appropriate.

Pfizer Abrysvo Efficacy During Clinical Trials



- Maternal RSV vaccine at 32 to 36 weeks of gestation reduced the infant's risk of developing RSV lower respiratory tract disease (LRTD) associated with:



Infant RSV Antibody – Nirsevimab



- **Long-acting monoclonal antibody manufactured by AstraZeneca, distributed by Sanofi**
 - Passive immunization; not a vaccine
 - Beyfortus is trade name
- **Approved for prevention of RSV LRTD:**
 - In infants during or entering their first RSV season
 - During second RSV season, infants and young children at high risk for severe RSV disease
- **50 mg/0.5 mL and 100 mg/1.0 mL**

Nirsevimab Dosage



RSV Season	Age	Body Weight the Day of Immunization	Number of Injections	Recommended Total Dosage
1 st Season	Birth through 7 months	Less than 5 kg (11 lb)	One 50 mg prefilled syringe - purple plunger rod	0.5 mL (50 mg)
1 st Season	Birth through 7 months	5 kg (11 lb) and greater	One 100 mg prefilled syringe - light blue plunger rod	1 mL (100 mg)
2 nd Season	8 through 19 months	N/A	Two 100 mg prefilled syringes - light blue plunger rod	2 mL (200 mg total)

Infant RSV Antibody – Clesrovimab

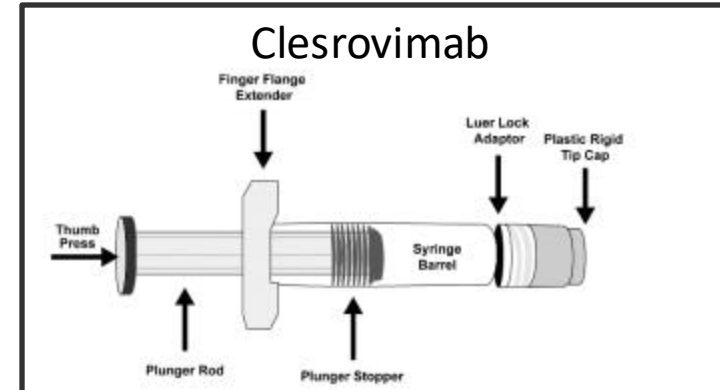
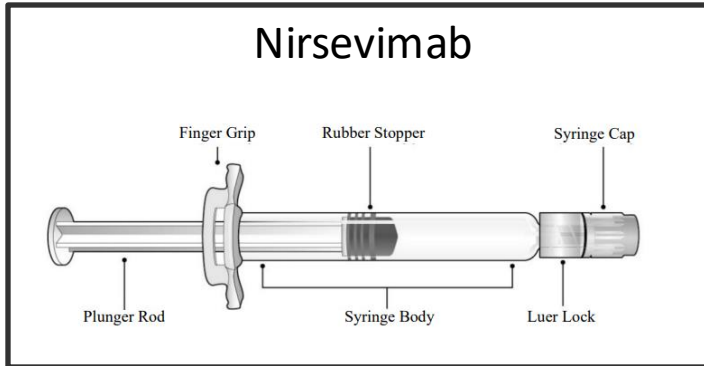


- **Long-acting monoclonal antibody manufactured by Merck**
 - Passive immunization; not a vaccine
 - Enflonsia is trade name
- **Approved for prevention of RSV LRTD in infants during or entering their first RSV season.**
- **Single dose, manufacturer-filled syringe**
 - 105 mg/0.7 mL
 - Same dose for all infants regardless of weight

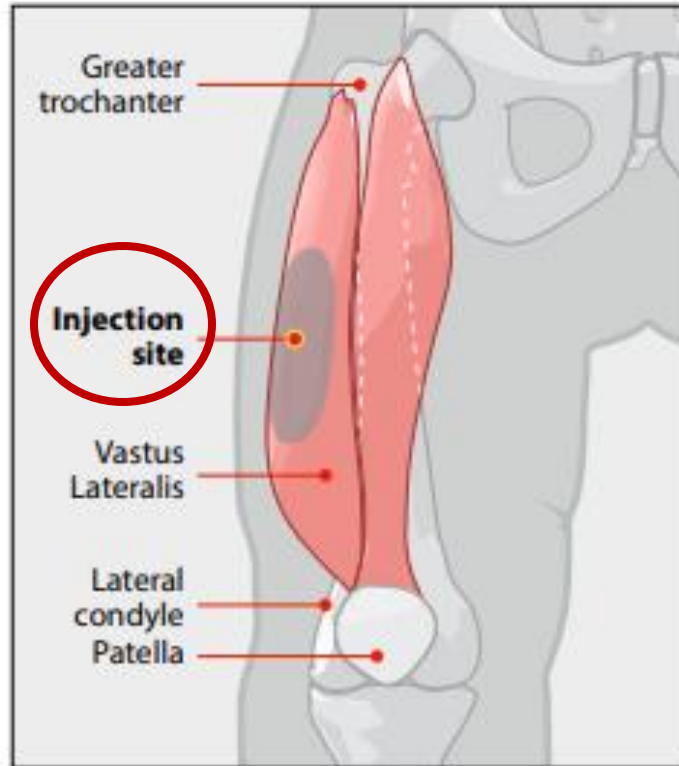


Infant RSV Antibody Preparation

- Use the same best practices as with vaccines, including:
 - Follow routine infection control procedures
 - Prepare medications for one patient at a time
 - Always triple-check the expiration date, correct product, and correct dose
 - Unscrew the syringe cap and attach a Luer lock needle to the syringe.



Infant RSV Antibody Administration

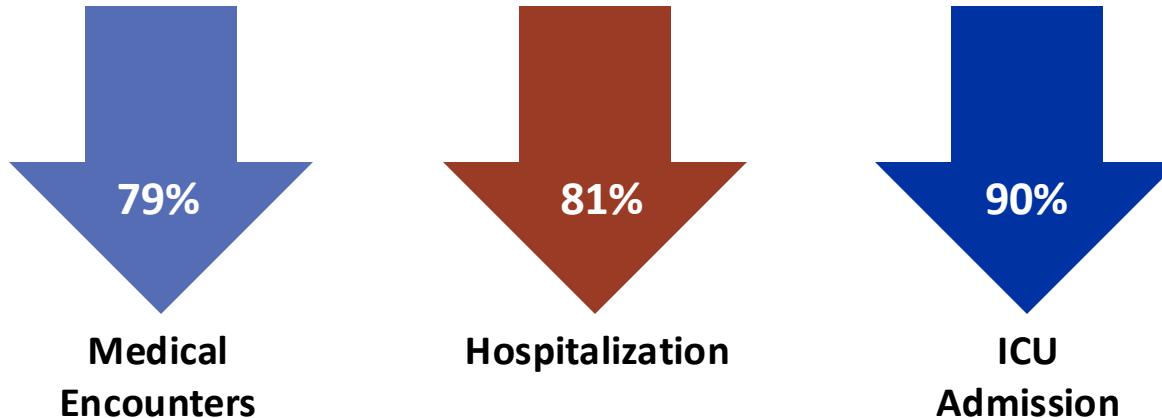


- **Route**
 - Intramuscular injection
- **Site**
 - Vastus lateralis muscle of anterolateral thigh
 - The gluteal muscle should **not** be used.
- **Coadministration**
 - Simultaneous administration with vaccines is acceptable.

Nirsevimab Efficacy During Clinical Trials



- Nirsevimab reduced the risk of negative outcomes related to RSV-associated LRTI when given to infants younger than 8 months of age.
- Through the 5 months after their receipt of nirsevimab, infants born during or entering their first RSV season experienced:



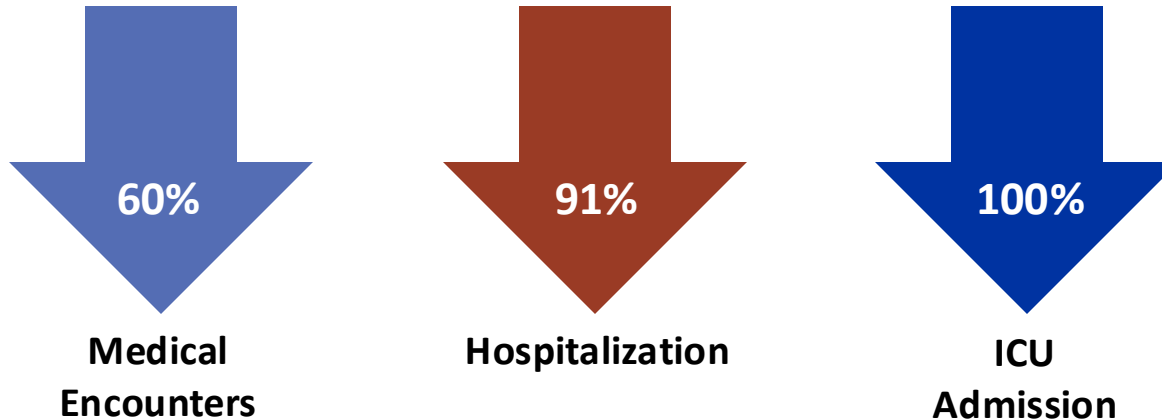
LRTI = Lower respiratory tract infection

[Healthcare Providers: RSV Immunization for Infants and Young Children | CDC](#), [Use of Nirsevimab for the Prevention of Respiratory Syncytial Virus Disease Among Infants and Young Children: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2023 | MMWR \(cdc.gov\)](#), [Beyfortus Prescribing Information \(fda.gov\)](#)

Clesrovimab Efficacy During Clinical Trials



- Clesrovimab reduced the risk of negative outcomes related to RSV-associated LRTI when given to infants younger than 8 months of age.
- Through the 5 months after their receipt of clesrovimab, infants born during or entering their first RSV season experienced:



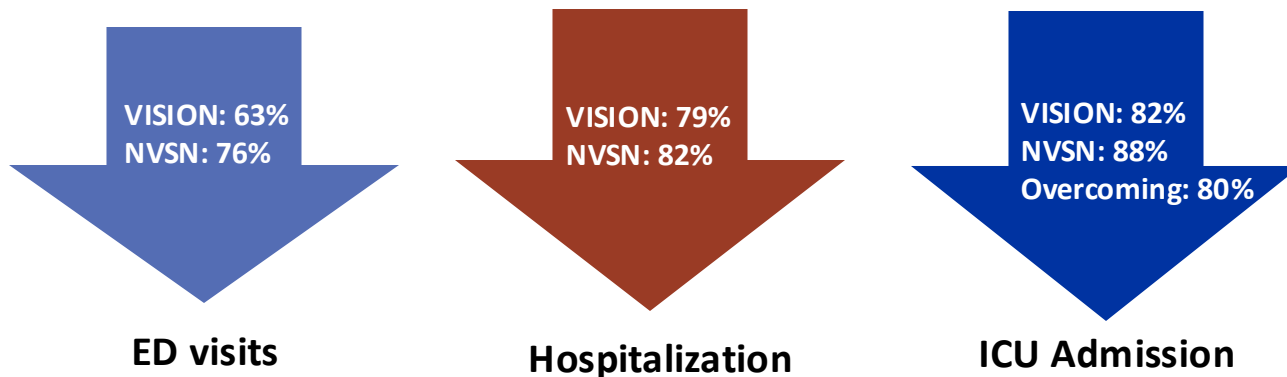
LRTI = Lower respiratory tract infection

[Enflonia \(clesrovimab\) Prescribing Information](#), [Use of Clesrovimab for Prevention of Severe Respiratory Syncytial Virus–Associated Lower Respiratory Tract Infections in Infants: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2025](#) | MMWR

Real-World Effectiveness During 2024–25 RSV Season in the U.S.: Nirsevimab



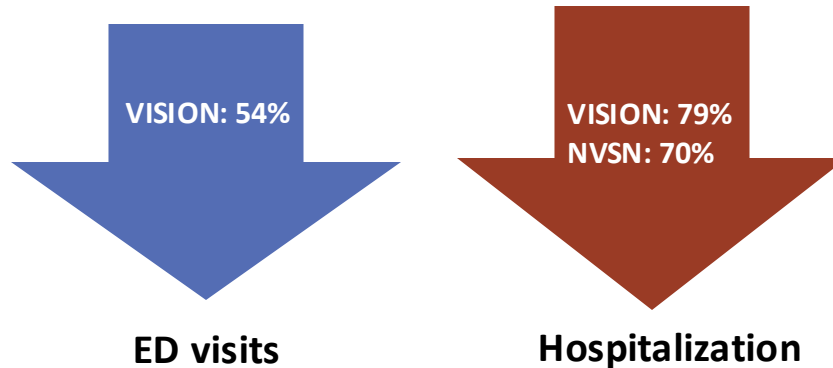
- Effective against RSV-associated ED encounters, hospitalization, and ICU admission among infants in their first RSV season.



Real-World Effectiveness During 2024–25 RSV Season in the U.S.: Maternal RSV Vaccine



- **Effective against infant RSV-associated ED encounters and hospitalization.**



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Immunization Recommendations for Prevention of Severe RSV Disease in Infants


Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule: Pfizer Abrysvo During Pregnancy *to Protect the Infant*



Table 1 Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for Ages 18 Years or Younger, United States, 2025

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Respiratory syncytial virus vaccine (RSV [Abrysvo])														Seasonal administration during pregnancy, See Notes			

 Range of recommended ages for certain high-risk groups

Adult Immunization Schedule: Pfizer Abrysvo During Pregnancy *to Protect the Infant*



Table 1 Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule by Age Group, United States, 2025

Vaccine	19–26 years	27–49 years	50–64 years	≥65 years	
Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)	Seasonal administration during pregnancy (See Notes)			60 through 74 years (See Notes)	≥75 years



Updated in June 2025
to 50 through 74 years



Recommended vaccination for adults with an
additional risk factor or another indication

Maternal RSV Vaccination



- **Recommended during 32 through 36 weeks gestation, using seasonal administration, to prevent RSV lower respiratory tract infection in infants.**
 - One dose of the Pfizer Abrysvo vaccine
 - Recommended for use during September through January in most of the continental United States*

*In jurisdictions with RSV seasonality that differs from most of the continental United States (e.g., Alaska, tropical climates), providers should follow state, local, or territorial guidance on timing of maternal RSV vaccination. In addition, because the timing of RSV activity varies geographically, in other jurisdictions, public health authorities may provide revised guidance regarding the timing of RSV antibody administration based on local surveillance data and feasibility of implementation.

Pfizer Abrysvo Clinical Considerations



- **Maternal RSV vaccination is a one-time dose.**
 - There currently is no ACIP recommendation for RSV vaccination in subsequent pregnancies.
 - Infants born to mothers who received RSV vaccine during a previous pregnancy should receive RSV antibody after birth.
- **Maternal RSV vaccination is not recommended after 36 weeks and 6 days gestation.**
 - Infant should receive RSV antibody.

Rationale for Seasonal Administration



- **Infants born 1–2 months after their mother is vaccinated will have immediate protection against RSV.**
- **Protection provided by a maternal vaccine wanes over time.**

Infants born in months with low RSV transmission (e.g., April–September) are better protected by receiving RSV antibody just before or at the start of the RSV season.

Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule: RSV Antibody for Infants and Young Children



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Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV-mAb [Nirsevimab])	1 dose depending on maternal RSV vaccination status (See Notes)					1 dose (8 through 19 months), See Notes											

Clesrovimab also recommended starting in August 2025.



Range of recommended ages for all children



Range of recommended ages for certain high-risk groups

RSV Antibody Recommendations on Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule Addendum



Child Immunization Schedule Addendum

Recommendations for Ages 18 Years or Younger, United States, 2025

 Health Care Providers
AUG. 7, 2025

Addendum

In addition to the recommendations presented in the previous sections of this immunization schedule, CDC has approved the following ACIP recommendations since October 24, 2024.

Vaccines	Recommendations	Effective Date of Recommendation*
RSV monoclonal antibody (Clesrovimab)	ACIP recommends infants aged < 8 months born during or entering their first RSV season who are not protected by maternal vaccination receive one dose of clesrovimab.	August 4, 2025

Recommendations for Use of RSV Antibody in Infants

- One dose of clesrovimab *or* nirsevimab for infants younger than 8 months of age born during or entering their **first RSV season** (October–March in most of the continental U.S.) if:
 - The mother did not receive RSV vaccine during the pregnancy
 - The mother's RSV vaccination status is unknown
 - The infant was born less than 14 days after maternal RSV vaccination



Timing of Infant RSV Antibody Administration



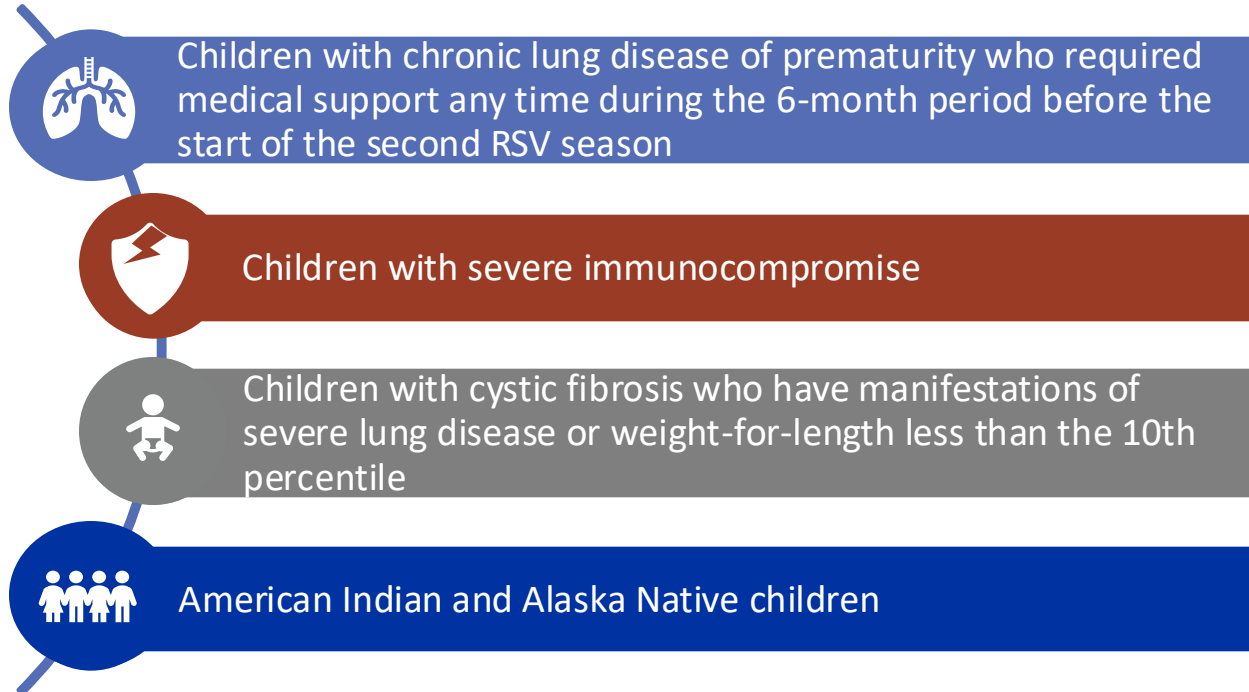
- **Recommended October through March in most of United States**
 - Optimal timing is shortly before the RSV season begins (i.e., October through November).
- **For infants born October through March**
 - Administer in the first week of life—ideally during the birth hospitalization.
 - Infants with prolonged birth hospitalizations due to prematurity or other causes should be immunized shortly before or promptly after discharge.
- **If not given in the hospital, administer in outpatient settings.**
 - For example, during newborn, 2-, 4-, or 6-month well-child visits, or other outpatient visits

Recommendations for Infants and Young Children at Increased Risk for Severe RSV Disease



- One dose of **nirsevimab** recommended for children ages 8 through 19 months at increased risk of severe RSV disease and entering their **second RSV season**
 - *Only nirsevimab* is recommended for this age group and in the second RSV season.
 - Regardless of maternal RSV vaccination status *or* infant's receipt of RSV antibody during first RSV season
 - Could have received clesrovimab or nirsesvimab for first RSV season

Children Ages 8 Through 19 Months at *Increased Risk* for Severe RSV Disease





Knowledge Check

If the mother did *not* receive the Pfizer Abrysvo vaccine during 32 through 36 weeks gestation, should the infant receive RSV antibody (clesrovimab or nirsevimab) before or during their first RSV season?

A. Yes

B. No



Knowledge Check

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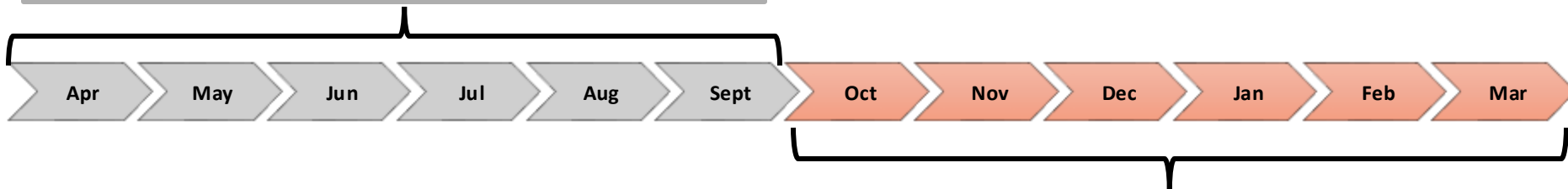
A. Yes 

B. No

Infant RSV Antibody Timing by Birth Month: First RSV Season in Most of Continental U.S.



Infants born April through September are recommended to receive RSV antibody shortly before the RSV season begins (e.g., October or November).





Infants born October through March are recommended to receive RSV antibody within one week of birth, ideally during birth hospitalization.

RSV Seasonality Differs Based on Climate



In jurisdictions with differing RSV seasonality (e.g., Alaska, southern Florida, Puerto Rico, and other jurisdictions with tropical climates), providers should follow state, local, or territorial guidance on the timing of administration.

Considerations for Counseling Patients Regarding Maternal RSV Vaccine and Infant RSV Antibody

Maternal RSV vaccine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Immediate protection for baby after birthNo injection for the infantPotentially reduced protection in some situations (e.g., mother is immunocompromised or infant born soon after vaccination)Potential risk for hypertensive disorders of pregnancy
Infant RSV antibody 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Direct receipt of antibodies rather than relying on transplacental transferProtection may wane more slowly than maternal RSV vaccineSide effects are usually mild and resolve quickly; hypersensitivity reactions are uncommon but have been reportedDelayed administration could leave the infant unprotected¹

¹ Infants born during October through March should be administered RSV antibody in the first week of life – ideally during the birth hospitalization.

Timing of RSV Immunizations for Infants and Pregnant Women



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Infant RSV antibody recommended.

- Infants born October through March should receive within one week of birth, ideally during birth hospitalization.
- Infants born April through September should receive in October or November.



September through January, RSV vaccine (Abrysvo) is recommended during weeks 32-36 of pregnancy.

Flexibility in Timing of RSV Immunizations



- Recommendations for the timing of administration are flexible to improve patient access.
- Because timing of RSV activity varies geographically, public health authorities may provide jurisdiction-specific guidance based on local RSV surveillance data and feasibility of implementation.
- Providers should consult with state or territorial health departments before modifying recommendations for infant RSV antibody or maternal RSV vaccine administration.

Considerations for Modifying Timing of RSV Immunizations (1)

Starting administration of maternal vaccine before September or infant RSV antibody before October:

Advantages	Disadvantages
<p>Maternal RSV vaccine: Protection to infants born before October and for infants who might experience a delay in receipt of RSV antibody</p> <p>Infant RSV antibody: Can provide more time for infants to receive an RSV antibody before start of the RSV season</p> <p>Potentially useful for jurisdictions with early RSV seasonality</p>	<p>Protection decreases over time.</p> <p>- For example, infants who receive RSV antibody in September or born to a mother vaccinated in August could be less protected by the peak of the RSV season and toward the end of the RSV season.</p>

Considerations for Modifying Timing of RSV Immunizations (2)

Administering maternal RSV vaccine after January or infant RSV antibody after March:

Advantages	Disadvantages
Either product could protect infants during their first months of life when they are at highest risk for severe disease.	<p>The risk for RSV exposure and infection during the end of the RSV season might be low.</p> <p>Maternal RSV vaccine: If administered in February or March, infant born in April or May would not be recommended to receive RSV antibody in October</p> <p>Infant RSV antibody: If administered in April, would not be recommended to receive a dose in October</p> <p>Administering a dose of infant RSV antibody in October instead could provide protection for an entire RSV season.</p>

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**Safety: Immunization Products
for Prevention of Severe RSV
Disease in Infants**

Maternal RSV Vaccine (Pfizer Abrysvo): Contraindications and Precautions



Contraindications

Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) to a vaccine component

Refer to “Section 11 Description” in the product’s package insert to review vaccine components.

Precautions

Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever

RSV Vaccine Safety During Pregnancy



- **Among Abrysvo clinical trial participants at 24–36 weeks' gestation:**
 - More cases of preterm birth and hypertensive disorders of pregnancy among Abrysvo recipients versus placebo, but differences not statistically significant.
- **FDA approved Abrysvo for use during 32–36 weeks' gestation to avoid the potential risk for preterm birth at less than 32 weeks' gestation.**
- **2023–2024 Respiratory Season VSD analysis found that maternal RSV vaccination during 32–36 weeks' gestation:**
 - Not associated with increased risk of preterm birth, SGA at birth, or stillbirth
 - Small increased risk for hypertensive disorders of pregnancy
- **CDC and FDA will continue to monitor safety data.**

Infant RSV Antibody Product

Contraindications and Precautions



Contraindications

History of serious hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis, to an RSV antibody product, or to any of the product's components

Refer to “Section 11 Description” in the product's package insert to review product components.

Precautions

Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever

Infant RSV Antibody Product Safety



- **Most common adverse reactions were rash and injection site reactions.**
- **Incidence of serious adverse events not significantly different between either clesrovimab or nirsevimab, and comparators (placebo or palivizumab)**
- **Postmarketing surveillance through FAERS and VSD are reassuring.**



How to Report Adverse Events



- **If an RSV antibody product is administered alone:**

- Report suspected adverse events (AEs) to MedWatch
- www.fda.gov/medwatch



- **If an RSV antibody product is administered simultaneously with any vaccine:**

- Report suspected AEs to Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)
- vaers.hhs.gov
- Specify that received RSV antibody product in Section 9 of VAERS form
- Additional reporting to MedWatch is not necessary

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Prevention of Severe RSV Disease in Adults

RSV Vaccines for Prevention of Severe RSV Disease in Adults



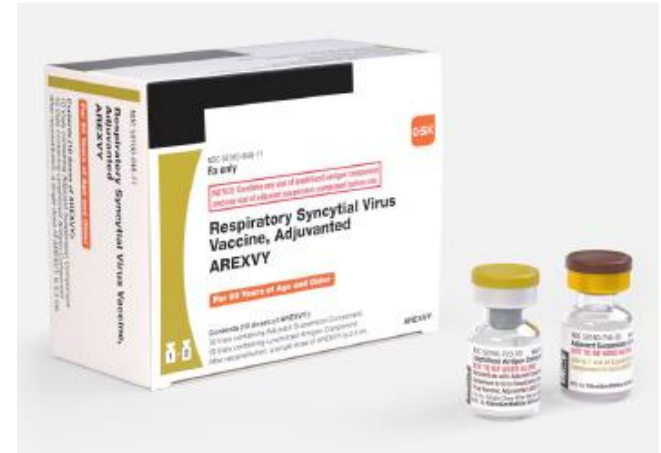
- **RSVPreF3+AS01**
 - Brand name: Arexvy (GSK)
- **RSVpreF**
 - Brand name: Abrysvo (Pfizer)
- **mRNA-1345**
 - Brand name: mResvia (Moderna)

No preferential recommendation. Give whichever vaccine is available.

Characteristics of GSK Arexvy RSV Vaccine



- **Recombinant prefusion F protein (preF) vaccine**
 - Protein subunit vaccine, adjuvanted (AS01)
- **Single dose, 0.5mL**
- **Requires reconstitution**
 - Follow package insert for guidance
- **Intramuscular injection**
- **Licensed for use in people ages 60 years and older, and people ages 50 through 59 years at increased risk of severe RSV disease**



Characteristics of Pfizer Abrysvo RSV Vaccine



- **Recombinant prefusion F protein (preF) vaccine**
 - Protein subunit vaccine
- **Single dose, 0.5mL**
- **Requires reconstitution**
 - Follow package insert for guidance
- **Intramuscular injection**
- **Licensed for use in people ages 60 years and older, and people ages 18 through 59 years at increased risk of severe RSV disease**



Characteristics of Moderna mResvia RSV Vaccine



- mRNA vaccine
- Supplied as a prefilled syringe
 - Must be thawed
- Single dose, 0.5mL
- Intramuscular injection
- Licensed for use in people ages 60 years and older, and people ages 18 through 59 years at increased risk of severe RSV disease



Moderna mResvia Thawing Instructions

Configuration	Thaw in Refrigerator	Thaw at Room Temperature
Carton of one or two pre-filled syringe(s) in single blister pack One syringe (removed from carton)	Thaw between 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) for 100 minutes.	Thaw between 15°C to 25°C (59°F to 77°F) for 40 minutes.
Carton of 10 pre-filled syringes in blister packs	Thaw between 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) for 160 minutes.	Thaw between 15°C to 25°C (59°F to 77°F) for 80 minutes.

- If thawed in the refrigerator, let each pre-filled syringe stand at room temperature for between 10 and 20 minutes before administering the vaccine.
- If thawed at room temperature, the vaccine is ready to be administered.

Vaccine Efficacy in Older Adults

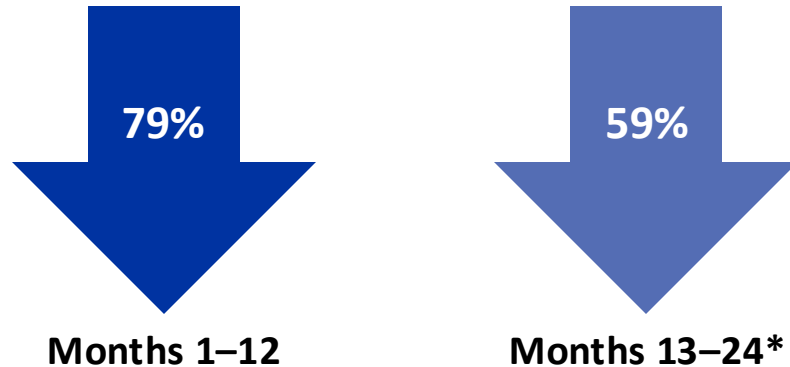


- **GSK Arexvy, Pfizer Abrysvo, and Moderna mResvia were shown in clinical trials to reduce the risk of RSV-associated lower respiratory tract disease (LRTD) in adults 60 years and older.**
- **Vaccine efficacy (VE) cannot be directly compared across trials, due to different:**
 - Case definitions of lower respiratory disease
 - Follow-up time
 - Participant health status

Vaccine Efficacy in Older Adults: GSK Arexvy Clinical Trial



- Randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled phase 3 clinical trial
 - 17 countries
 - 24,973 immunocompetent participants
- Reduced risk of RSV-associated LRTD by:



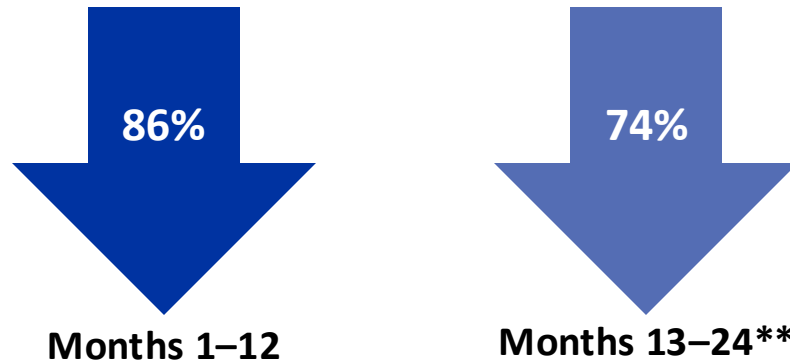
*Median follow-up time during this period was 12 months.

[Evidence to Recommendations: RSV Vaccination in Older Adults \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz/downloads/pdf/19-0211.pdf)



Vaccine Efficacy in Older Adults: Pfizer Abrysvo Clinical Trial

- Randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled phase 3 clinical trial
 - 7 countries
 - 36,863 immunocompetent participants
- Reduced risk of RSV-associated lower respiratory tract infection (LRTI)* by:



*Based on second primary outcome (RSV LRTI with at least three lower respiratory signs/symptoms)

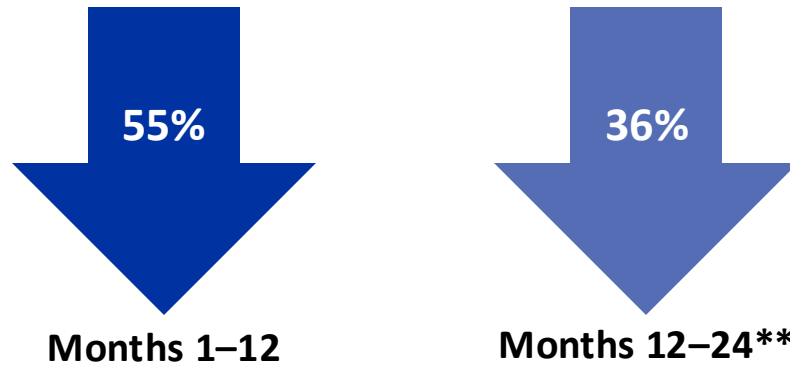
**Median follow-up time during this period was 6 months.

[Evidence to Recommendations: RSV Vaccination in Older Adults \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/evidence-to-recommendations/rsv-vaccination-in-older-adults)



Vaccine Efficacy in Older Adults: Moderna mResvia Clinical Trial

- **Phase 2/3 clinical trial**
 - 22 countries
 - 36,313 participants (healthy and with comorbidities)
- **Reduced risk of RSV-associated lower respiratory tract disease (LRTD)* by:**



*Based on second primary outcome (RSV LRTD with at least three lower respiratory symptoms)

** Median follow-up time during this period was 7 months.

Immunogenicity Data in Adults Ages 50–59 Years



- Phase 3 clinical trials in adults ages 50–59 years at increased risk for severe RSV disease
- Non-inferior immunogenicity compared to adults 60 years of age and older for GSK Arexvy, Pfizer Abrysvo, and Moderna mResvia



Real-World Vaccine Effectiveness in Older Adults: GSK Arexvy and Pfizer Abrysvo

- In the first season after vaccination, protein subunit vaccination reduced RSV-associated hospitalization 75% among adults ages 60 years and older.
- VE was similar across ages:
 - 60–74 years
 - 75 years and older
- RSV vaccine protection lasts at least 2 seasons, but wanes over time.
 - CDC will continue to monitor real-world RSV vaccine effectiveness during each respiratory virus season.

[RSV Vaccine Effectiveness Against Hospitalization Among US Adults 60 Years and Older | Vaccination | JAMA | JAMA Network](#), [Estimated Vaccine Effectiveness for Respiratory Syncytial Virus–Related Acute Respiratory Illness in Older Adults: Findings From the First Postlicensure Season | Clinical Infectious Diseases | Oxford Academic](#), [Respiratory syncytial virus \(RSV\) vaccine effectiveness against RSV-associated hospitalisations and emergency department encounters among adults aged 60 years and older in the USA, October, 2023, to March, 2024: a test-negative design analysis – ScienceDirect](#), [Estimated Vaccine Effectiveness for Respiratory Syncytial Virus–Related Lower Respiratory Tract Disease | Infectious Diseases | JAMA Network Open | JAMA Network](#)

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RSV Vaccine Recommendations and Schedule in Adults

Adult Immunization Schedule: RSV Vaccination



Table 1 Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule by Age Group, United States, 2025

Vaccine	19–26 years	27–49 years	50–64 years	≥65 years
Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)	Seasonal administration during pregnancy (See Notes)			
			60 through 74 years (See Notes)	≥75 years

Updated in June 2025
to 50 through 74 years



Recommended vaccination for adults with an additional risk factor or another indication



Recommended vaccination for adults who meet age requirement, lack documentation of vaccination, or lack evidence of immunity

Updated RSV Vaccine Recommendations for Adults



- **ACIP recommends that adults ages 50 through 59 years who are at increased risk of severe RSV disease receive a single dose of RSV vaccine.**
 - Recommended as a single dose only — people who have already received RSV vaccination are not recommended to receive another dose.
 - RSV vaccine can be administered with any product licensed in this age group.
- **In summary, RSV vaccination now recommended for:**
 - All adults ages 75 years and older
 - Adults ages *50 through 74 years* at increased risk of severe RSV disease.

RSV Vaccination on Adult Immunization Schedule Addendum



Adult Immunization Schedule Addendum

Recommendations for Ages 19 Years or Older, United States, 2025



Health Care Providers
JULY 2, 2025

Addendum

In addition to the recommendations presented in the previous sections of this immunization schedule, CDC has approved the following ACIP recommendations since October 24, 2024.

Vaccines	Recommendations	Effective Date of Recommendation [†]
RSV (Abrysvo, Arexvy, mResvia)	<p>ACIP recommends adults 50–59 years of age who are at increased risk of severe RSV disease^a receive a single dose of RSV vaccine.^{b,c}</p> <p>a. CDC will publish Clinical Considerations that describe chronic medical conditions and other risk factors for severe RSV disease for use in this risk-based recommendation.</p> <p>b. At this time, RSV vaccination is recommended as a single dose only. Persons who have already received RSV vaccination are NOT recommended to receive another dose.</p> <p>c. RSV vaccine can be administered with any product licensed in this age group.</p>	June 25, 2025

RSV Vaccination Recommendations



- CDC recommends a **single dose** of RSV vaccine for:
 - Adults ages 75 years and older
 - Adults ages 50 through 74 who are at increased risk of severe RSV disease
- **Greatest benefit if administered in late summer or early fall**
 - Ideally, August through October in most of the continental U.S.

Just One RSV Vaccine Dose Recommended for Adults

- The RSV vaccine is not currently an annual vaccine.
- Adults who have received an RSV vaccine should not receive another dose.
- CDC is monitoring RSV vaccines to determine whether additional doses might be needed.



Adults Ages 50–74 at Increased Risk for Severe RSV Disease Should Receive a Single Dose of RSV Vaccine



Chronic lung or respiratory disease



Chronic cardiovascular disease



End-stage renal disease



Diabetes mellitus complicated by end-organ damage or requiring treatment with insulin or SGLT2 inhibitor*



Neurological or neuromuscular conditions (causing impaired airway clearance or respiratory muscle weakness)



Chronic liver disease



Chronic hematologic conditions



Severe obesity
(body mass index ≥ 40 kg/m²)



Moderate or severe immunocompromise



Residence in a nursing home



Other factors that a provider determines would increase risk of severe disease due to viral respiratory infection

*SGLT2=sodium-glucose co-transporter-2

Self-Attestation Is Acceptable Evidence of a Risk Factor

- Patient attestation is sufficient evidence of the presence of a risk factor.
- Vaccinators should not deny RSV vaccination because of a lack of medical documentation.





Knowledge Check

Should a 65-year-old patient with insulin-dependent diabetes receive RSV vaccination?

- A. Yes
- B. No



Knowledge Check

Should a 65-year-old patient with insulin-dependent diabetes receive RSV vaccination?

A. Yes ←

B. No

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Prevention of Severe RSV Disease in Adults: Special Considerations

Coadministration of RSV and Other Vaccines in Adults



- RSV and influenza vaccines may not produce as strong of an immune response if coadministered, but the clinical significance is unknown.
- Coadministration of multiple vaccines at the same visit may increase reactogenicity; evidence is mixed.
- If vaccines are not administered the same day, there is no required interval between vaccines.

Coadministration with all other adult vaccines is acceptable



Considerations for Coadministration



Whether the patient is up to date with recommended vaccines



Likelihood of returning



Risk for acquiring vaccine-preventable disease



Vaccine reactogenicity profiles



Patient preferences

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Prevention of Severe RSV Disease in Adults: Safety

Contraindications and Precautions to RSV Vaccines in Adults



Products: Moderna mResvia, Pfizer Abrysvo, GSK Arexvy

Contraindication

Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) to a vaccine component

Refer to “Section 11 Description” in the product’s package insert to review vaccine components.

Precaution

Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever

RSV Vaccine Safety in Adults (1)

- Most common side effects are similar to other vaccines.



**Pain at
injection site**



Fatigue



Headache



Muscle pain



Joint pain

RSV Vaccine Safety in Adults (2)



- **Protein subunit vaccines (GSK Arexvy and Pfizer Abrysvo):**
 - Pre-licensure clinical trials in older adults: a small number of Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) cases occurring within 42 days after vaccination were identified.
 - Post-licensure safety data in adults 65 years and older (FDA and CMS* partnership):
 - Suggested increased risk of GBS after vaccination
 - Estimated risk on the order of 10 excess GBS cases per 1 million vaccinated adults
 - ACIP and CDC continue to conclude that the benefits outweigh the risks.
- **mRNA vaccine (Moderna mResvia):**
 - Pre-licensure clinical trials: No GBS cases within 42 days after vaccination
 - Post-licensure safety data: Not yet available
- **CDC and FDA continue to monitor safety data.**

*Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

[FDA/CMS Evaluation of GBS following RSV Vaccination Among Adults 64 Years and Older - October 2024 ACIP meeting](#); [RSV Vaccination in Adults: Work Group Interpretations - October ACIP meeting](#); [Pfizer ABRYSVO Package Insert \(fda.gov\)](#), [Package Insert - AREXVY \(fda.gov\)](#)

V-safe Program



- **V-safe is one of several vaccine safety monitoring systems in the United States.**
- **Encourage vaccine recipients to sign up if they received RSV vaccine in the last 42 days.**
 - Adults ages 60 years and older
 - Pregnant women ages 16-49 years
- vsafe.cdc.gov

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Storage and Handling of RSV Immunization Products

Nirsevimab Storage and Handling



Store refrigerated between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F).



Use within 8 hours of removing from refrigerator.

- May store at room temperature, between 20°C and 25°C (68°F and 77°F), for a maximum of 8 hours.



Do *not* freeze.



Do *not* shake.



Protect from light.

Clesrovimab Storage and Handling



Store refrigerated between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F).



Use within 48 hours of removing from refrigerator.

- May store at room temperature, between 20°C and 25°C (68°F and 77°F), for a maximum of 48 hours.



Do *not* freeze.



Do *not* shake.



Protect from light.

Pfizer Abrysvo Storage and Handling



Before Reconstitution

Store refrigerated between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F).

Do *not* freeze.

After Reconstitution

Store at room temperature 15°C to 30°C (59°F to 86°F).

Do *not* refrigerate.

Do *not* freeze.

Use within 4 hours.




GSK Arexvy Storage and Handling

Not approved for
pregnant women.



Before Reconstitution



Store refrigerated between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F).




Do *not* freeze.



Protect from light.

After Reconstitution



Store refrigerated between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F) OR at room temperature, up to 25°C (77°F).



Use within 4 hours.



Do *not* freeze.



Protect from light.

Not approved for
pregnant women.



Moderna mResvia Storage and Handling

Storage Before Thawing



Store frozen between
-40°C and -15°C
(-40°F and 5°F).



Protect from light.

Storage After Thawing



Store refrigerated between 2°C and 8°C
(36°F and 46°F) for 90 days.

- or -



Store at room temperature up to 25°C
(77°F) for 24 hours.



Do *not* refreeze once thawed. Do *not*
refrigerate after thawing at room temperature.



Do not shake.



Protect from light.

Administer the Correct RSV Immunization Product

Infants and Some
Young Children



**RSV monoclonal
antibody* only**

**! Do not administer
Abrysvo, Arexvy, or
mResvia to infants or
children.**

During Pregnancy



**Abrysvo (Pfizer)
only**

**! Do not administer
RSV antibody, Arexvy, or
mResvia during
pregnancy.**

Older Adults and
Adults with Risk
Conditions



**Abrysvo (Pfizer)
Arexvy (GSK)
mResvia (Moderna)**

**! Do not administer
RSV antibody to adults.**

* Includes nirsevimab and clesrovimab



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Clinical Resources

CDC RSV Resources (1)

- **RSV disease information:** www.cdc.gov/rsv/index.html
- **RSV immunization and vaccine resources:**
 - Infants and Young Children: www.cdc.gov/rsv/hcp/vaccine-clinical-guidance/infants-young-children.html
 - Adults: <https://www.cdc.gov/rsv/hcp/vaccine-clinical-guidance/adults.html>
- **RSV Immunization Information Statement:**
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/rsv/immunization-information-statement.html>
- **RSV Vaccine Information Statement (VIS):**
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/current-vis/rsv.html>

CDC RSV Resources (2)

- RSV immunization information for health care providers:

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

What You Need to Know About RSV Vaccine:

Abrysvo (Pfizer)



What is Abrysvo? Who should get it?

Abrysvo (abbreviation: RSVpreF) is a vaccine given to prevent **severe RSV disease**.

- To prevent severe disease in adults, CDC recommends RSV vaccines, including Abrysvo, for:
 - Previously unvaccinated people 75 years of age and over
 - Previously unvaccinated people 50–74 years of age who are at **increased risk** of severe RSV disease
- To prevent severe disease in infants, CDC recommends Abrysvo for previously unvaccinated pregnant women at 32 through 36 weeks gestational age.
- CDC recommends **either** maternal RSV vaccination or infant immunization with nirsevimab, a RSV monoclonal antibody. Most infants will not need both.

Abrysvo should not be given to:

- Pregnant women if they:
 - Are less than 32 weeks and 0 days or more than 36 weeks and 6 days pregnant; or
 - Are 32–36 weeks pregnant, but outside the RSV seasonal timeframe (unless they live in an area where RSV circulation is less predictable and peak activity may vary); or
 - Received Abrysvo during any previous pregnancy.
- Infants or young children

When is Abrysvo given?

For older adults:

- As a single, one-time 0.5 mL dose—patients should not get a dose every year, like for flu vaccine.
- At any time, but the best time is late summer or early fall, before RSV season begins where the patient lives. In most U.S. regions, that season is generally August–October.

For pregnant women at 32–36 weeks gestational age:

- As a single, one-time 0.5 mL dose
 - Do not revaccinate for subsequent pregnancies.
 - For subsequent pregnancies, the infant should be immunized with nirsevimab.
- In September–January to protect the infant during their first RSV season.

Abrysvo can be given during the same visit as other vaccines, or on its own.

What are contraindications and precautions to Abrysvo? What should I screen for before I give it?

Use a comprehensive screening tool to make sure your patient doesn't have a history of a **severe allergic reaction to any component of Abrysvo**. Refer to the **Abrysvo Package Insert** for a list of vaccine components.

How is Abrysvo stored and supplied?

The manufacturer supplies Abrysvo in three ways:

- Act-O-Vial containing:
 - A single dose of antigen (sterile white powder) and
 - Diluent
- Vial and manufacturer-filled syringe kits. Each kit includes 3 components:
 - A single-dose vial of antigen (sterile white powder);
 - A manufacturer-filled syringe of diluent; and
 - A vial adapter
- Vial and vial:
 - A single-dose vial of antigen (sterile white powder) and
 - A single-dose vial of diluent
- No matter how it's supplied, store the vaccine and diluent in the refrigerator between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F).
- Keep the components together in their original package.
- **Do not freeze** any of the components. If they have been frozen, discard them appropriately.

What You Need to Know About RSV Vaccine:

Arexvy (GSK)



What is Arexvy? Who should get it?

Arexvy (abbreviation: RSVPreF3) is a vaccine given to prevent **severe RSV disease**. CDC recommends RSV vaccines, including Arexvy, for:

- Previously unvaccinated people 75 years of age and older
- Previously unvaccinated people 50–74 years of age who are at **increased risk** of severe RSV disease

Arexvy should not be given to:

- Pregnant women
- Infants or children

When is Arexvy given?

- As a single, one-time 0.5 mL dose—patients should not get a dose every year, like for flu vaccine.
- At any time, but the best time is late summer or early fall, before RSV season begins where the patient lives. In most U.S. regions, that season is generally August–October.

Arexvy can be given during the same visit as other vaccines, or on its own.

What are contraindications and precautions to Arexvy? What should I screen for before I give it?

Use a comprehensive screening tool to make sure your patient doesn't have a history of a **severe allergic reaction such as anaphylaxis to any component of Arexvy**. Refer to the **Arexvy Package Insert** for a list of vaccine components.

How is Arexvy stored and supplied?

The manufacturer supplies Arexvy in 2 components:

- A single-dose vial of antigen (sterile white powder) and
- A vial of diluent that's either colorless or pale brown

Store both components together in their original package refrigerated between 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F) and protected from light.

- Do not freeze either of the components. If they have been frozen, discard them appropriately.

How should I prepare Arexvy?



- Use **only** the diluent that came packaged with the powder. **No substitutions.**
- Cleanse the vial stopper with a sterile alcohol pad.
- Using a brand-new, sterile needle and a brand-new, sterile syringe
 - Withdraw all of the liquid diluent from its vial and inject it all into the vial of powder.
 - Gently swirl the vial—don't shake it hard—until the powder is completely dissolved.

- There shouldn't be anything floating in the vial when you're done. If you see anything floating in the vial, **discard it appropriately.**

After you've prepared the vaccine, give it to the patient immediately.

- If necessary, you can store prepared vaccine in its syringe in the refrigerator between 2°C and 8°C (36°F to 46°F), or at room temperature (up to 25°C/77°F) for up to 4 hours.
- If you haven't used the vaccine within 4 hours after you prepare it, **discard it appropriately.**

What You Need to Know About RSV Vaccine:

mResvia (Moderna)



What is mResvia? Who should get it?

mResvia (abbreviation: mRNA-1345) is a vaccine given to prevent **severe RSV disease**. CDC recommends RSV vaccines for:

- Previously unvaccinated people 75 years of age and over
- Previously unvaccinated people 50–74 years of age who are at **increased risk** of severe RSV disease

mResvia should not be given to:

- Pregnant women
- Infants or children

When is mResvia given?

- As a single, one-time 0.5 mL dose—patients should not get a dose every year, like for flu vaccine.
- At any time, but the best time is late summer or early fall, before RSV season begins where the patient lives. In most U.S. regions, that season is generally August–October.

mResvia can be given during the same visit as other vaccines or on its own.

What are contraindications and precautions to mResvia? What should I screen for before I give it?

Use a comprehensive screening tool to make sure your patient doesn't have a history of a **severe allergic reaction such as anaphylaxis to any component of mResvia**. Refer to the **mResvia Package Insert** for a list of vaccine components.

How is mResvia stored and supplied?

The manufacturer supplies mResvia as a manufacturer-filled syringe.

- The syringe contains a sterile, frozen liquid that must be thawed before you give the vaccine.
- Syringes are supplied in blister packs, either individually or as a pack of 2, or in cartons of 10.
- Store syringes frozen and protected from light between –40°C to –15°C (–40°F to 5°F).

How should I prepare mResvia?



Thaw one syringe in a single blister pack or a carton of 2 syringes in a blister pack either:

- In the refrigerator between 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) for 100 minutes.
 - Before you give the vaccine, let the syringe stand at room temperature for between 10 and 20 minutes.
- At room temperature between 15°C to 25°C (59°F to 77°F) for 40 minutes.
 - If you thawed the vaccine at room temperature, you can give it right away.

Thaw a carton of 10 syringes in blister packs either:

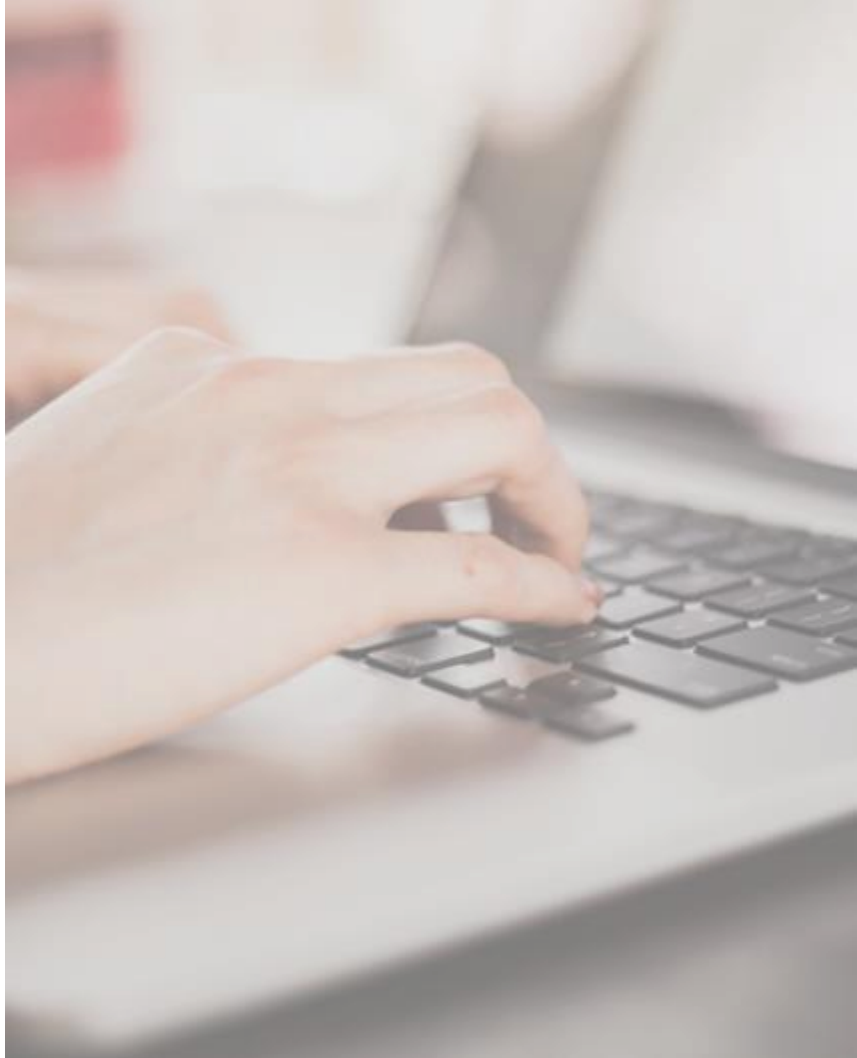
- In the refrigerator between 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) for 160 minutes.
 - Before you give the vaccine, let the syringe stand at room temperature for between 10 and 20 minutes.
- At room temperature between 15°C to 25°C (59°F to 77°F) for 80 minutes.
 - If you thawed the vaccine at room temperature, you can give it right away.

After you thaw a syringe:

- Store it **at room temperature** at 8°C to 25°C (46°F to 77°F) for no more than 24 hours after you take it out of the refrigerator.
 - Do not put a syringe that has come to room temperature back into the refrigerator or freezer for storage.
 - Once it has come to room temperature, use it within 24 hours or **discard it appropriately.**
- If necessary, a manufacturer-filled syringe that has thawed in the refrigerator but has not been removed yet can be stored in the refrigerator (between 2°C to 8°C [36°F to 46°F]) for up to 90 days.
 - If you don't use it within this time, **discard it appropriately.**
- After it's thawed, the vaccine is white to off-white. It may have small white or translucent particles floating in it.
- If it is discarded or has anything else floating in it, **discard it appropriately.**
- Don't shake the syringe.
- Don't put a syringe back into the refrigerator after it's been standing at room temperature.
- Don't refreeze the syringe after you've thawed it.

CDC Clinical Resources

- www.cdc.gov/vaccines/
 - Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Vaccine Recommendations and Guidelines
 - Recommended Immunization Schedules
 - Vaccine Administration Resources
 - Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit
 - Vaccine Information Statements



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