



# What is RSV?

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild symptoms, like a cold, but it can cause severe illness in newborns including **bronchiolitis** and **pneumonia**.

RSV can change from mild to severe in just a few days, possibly leading to hospitalization in babies.

**The good news is there is a preventative treatment available to protect your newborn from RSV.**



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## Help protect your newborn in their first RSV season



Healthy newborns born at term, born prematurely, or those born with underlying health conditions are all at risk.



Your baby can receive the preventative treatment in the hospital where you deliver this RSV season. You can also ask your family doctor.



**Scan the QR code to learn more and watch a brief video about RSV with William Osler Health System Paediatrician Dr. Sangeet Kathuria.**

[www.williamoslerhs.ca/en/areas-of-care/respiratory-syncytial-virus.aspx](http://www.williamoslerhs.ca/en/areas-of-care/respiratory-syncytial-virus.aspx)