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**RSV PREVENTION
HOSPITALISATION
OF YOUR BABY**

Avoiding a serious RSV infection and hospitalization of your baby.

Dear parent(s),

First of all, we would like to congratulate you on the birth of your child. Your baby's health is very important to us.

Bronchiolitis is a frequent infection of the smaller respiratory tract, especially in infants and young children under the age of 2 years, and causes severe respiratory problems, especially in children under 1 year of age. Every year, thousands of children under the age of 6 to 12 months are admitted to Belgian hospitals. Newborns in particular are particularly vulnerable.

The cause is a virus, usually RSV. RSV is highly contagious and occurs almost exclusively in the autumn and winter months (the so-called 'RSV season') as an epidemic.

There is no causal treatment effective for bronchiolitis (neither aerosols, nor physiotherapy, nor antibiotics, nor expectorant syrups). One can only provide respiratory support (oxygen or more intensive care) and tube feeding or, if necessary, infusion.

Currently, it is proposed to protect babies born between October 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025 from severe illness and hospitalization by injection with the preventive drug Nirsevimab (Beyfortus®).

THE PRODUCT

- Is safe
- Is almost fully reimbursed with your doctor's prescription when you have social insurance and will cost you:
 - 12 euros
 - 8 euros for preferential reimbursement
- Name: Nirsevimab (Beyfortus®)
- It is not a vaccine but antibodies and protects your baby for 1 full RSV season
- Reduces the risk of RSV infection AND hospitalization
- Is a one-time injection
- Will be administered to your baby during your stay in the maternity ward or shortly afterwards
- If you have already received the RSV vaccine Abrysvo® during your pregnancy, you are not entitled to a refund.

INTERESTED IN PROTECTING YOUR BABY?

1. Your paediatrician, midwife or gynaecologist can inform you before and during your stay at the maternity ward. They work together and have the same information. Kind&Gezin in Flanders and Kaleido in East Belgium will not administer the product. ONE in Wallonia gives the product to babies under 6 months of age.
 - If you have not yet received any information, be sure to talk to your paediatrician or GP about this.
 - It is important that your baby is protected as soon as possible. The product can still be administered during your stay at the maternity ward. You don't have to come back for this.
 - For further questions and more information, it is also best to contact your paediatrician, midwife or gynaecologist as soon as possible. You can also contact your GP.
 - Of course, it is still important to observe a number of measures at home to avoid infection with RSV or other viruses in your baby.



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