

# The effect of severe respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) lower respiratory tract infections in mechanically ventilated infants younger than 12 months of age on recurrent wheezing and lung function

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Not approved
<b>Status</b>	Will not start
<b>Health condition type</b>	Respiratory tract infections
<b>Study type</b>	Observational invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON34923

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

RSV, mechanical ventilation and recurrent wheezing

### Condition

- Respiratory tract infections

### Synonym

bronchiolitis/pneumonia, RSV lower respiratory tract infection

### Research involving

Human

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Ministerie van OC&W, Stichting Beatrix Kinderziekenhuis

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Lung function, Mechanical ventilation, Recurrent wheezing, RSV

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

- To study the occurrence of recurrent wheezing following hospitalisation for severe RSV LRTD, and to study the differences in occurrence between ventilated and non-ventilated infants
- To study differences in lung function testing one year after hospitalisation for RSV LRTD between ventilated and non-ventilated infants

### Secondary outcome

To study the differences in clinical, virological and immunological characteristics in relation to recurrent wheezing following hospitalisation for severe RSV LRTD between ventilated and non-ventilated infants.

## Study description

### Background summary

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is the predominant pathogen of lower respiratory tract disease (LRTD) in infants. In the Netherlands  $\pm$  5000 infants are annually admitted to hospital due to RSV related LRTD, approximately 2% - 16% needs to be mechanically ventilated. Treatment for these infants is supportive; corticosteroids and bronchodilators are not beneficial (3). RSV LRTD leads to serious respiratory sequelae with  $\pm$  50% of hospitalised patients suffering from recurrent wheezing resembling childhood asthma persisting until early school age. significant proportion of patients with recurrent wheezing

receive asthma medications and experience decreased health-related quality of life. Furthermore, hospitalized infants have impaired lung function during follow-up compared to healthy controls. We hypothesize that recurrent wheezing after severe RSV LRTD occurs significantly more often in ventilated than in non-ventilated infants. This is explained by a higher viral load, a more dampened T \* cell response and more lung injury (defined by circulating biomarkers) in ventilated infants. One year after severe RSV LRTD, airway resistance is significantly higher in ventilated infants than in non-ventilated infants.

## **Study objective**

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## **Study design**

This is a prospective, longitudinal cohort-study of patients admitted with RSV lower respiratory tract infection to the Beatrix Children\*s Hospital/University Medical Center Groningen comprising four consecutive RSV seasons (October to March) between 2010 and 2014.

## **Study burden and risks**

Measurements will be performed in all infants on day 1, 3 and 5 of admission including blood sampling (2 ml per sampling) through a venous puncture in non-ventilated infants, and obtaining nasopharyngeal aspirates. In ventilated infants measurements will also be performed on day 1, 3 and 5 of admission including blood sampling (2 ml per sampling) using the indwelling arterial line, obtaining nasopharyngeal aspirates and obtaining broncho-alveolar lavage fluids. Regional lung filling characteristics will be measured using electrical impedance tomography (EIT). During the first year of follow-up parents or legal care-takers of all included infants are asked to daily fill out a patient diary, recording respiratory symptoms including cough, rhinitis, wheezing, and consultation of a physician and use of bronchodilators. One year after discharge, lung function testing including FRC and airway resistance will be performed with the whole-body plethysmography in all included infants. The risks associated with this project are considered minimal: ventilated infants who undergo a broncho-alveolar lavage may experience a brief period of a decrease in transcutaneously measured oxygen saturation. Obtaining a

nasopharyngeal aspirate in infants does not cause any extra risk, but may be experienced is uncomfortable for a brief period in non-ventilated infants. Blood sampling is done using the indwelling arterial catheter in ventilated infants; however in non-ventilated infants a venous puncture has to be performed. Lung function testing one year after discharge requires the infant to be mildly sedated using oral chloralhydrate; because of this a physician trained in advanced paediatric life support will be present during this procedure.

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Children (2-11 years)

### Inclusion criteria

- Age < 12 months
- Admitted with a first episode of RSV LRTD as defined with one or more of the following signs and symptoms: body temperature  $\geq 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ , cough, rhinitis, wheezing on pulmonary

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auscultation, and crackles on pulmonary auscultation

-Virologically confirmed RSV LRTD (i.e. a positive direct immunofluorescent assay (DIFA) or a positive RSV-enzyme immunoassay (EIA))

## Exclusion criteria

- Age \* 12 months
- Infants born after a gestation \* 32 weeks
- Infants with chronic lung disease of prematurity (defined by oxygen dependency between 28 and 56 days after birth)
- Infants with a haemodynamically significant congenital heart disorder
- Infants with an immunodeficiency
- Infants with a congenital or acquired neuromuscular disorder
- Infants managed only in the outpatient department
- Infants with a nosocomial (i.e. hospital acquired) RSV LRTD

## Study design

### Design

**Study type:** Observational invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Basic science

### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Will not start

Enrollment: 70

Type: Anticipated

## Ethics review

Not approved

Date: 22-07-2010

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen (Groningen)

## Study registrations

### Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

### Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

### In other registers

Register	ID
CCMO	NL31181.042.09