Which Is For Me? New Ways to Prevent RSV

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Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)
causes cold symptoms in Fall/Winter,
but can cause severe illness in babies,
older adults, and those with some
medical conditions



RSV cases are on the rise!

Check out if you are eligible for newly available medications to prevent severe RSV

Infants and Young Children



Beyfortus (nirsevimab) is a new antibody injection to prevent severe RSV



In <u>studies</u>, nirsevimab prevented hospitalizations and severe illness from RSV



All babies < 8 months and certain children 8-19 months can get this medication.

Pregnant Women

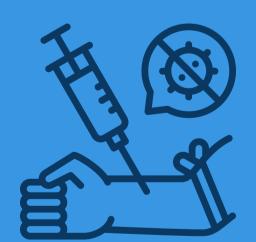


Abrysvo is <u>approved</u>
for women 32-36
weeks pregnant.

It reduced risk of severe RSV in babies after birth.

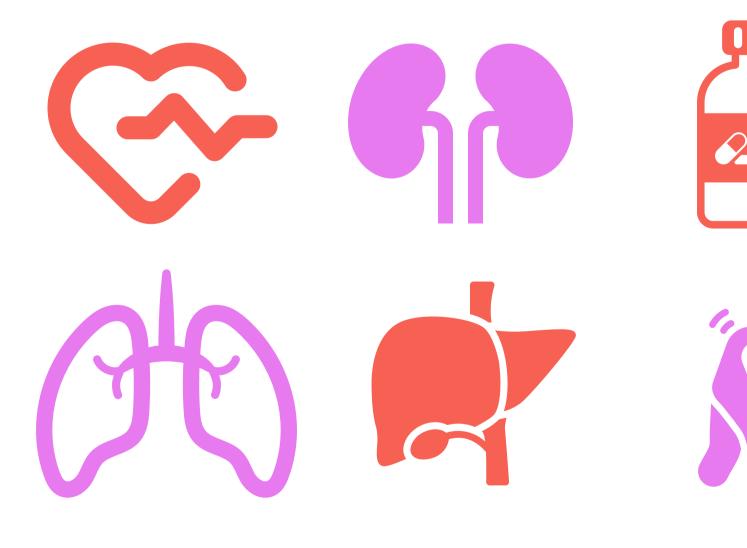
Older Adults

Arexvy and Abrysvo are two newly approved RSV vaccines.





Both vaccines <u>effectively prevented</u> severe RSV for two seasons in older adults



Adults ≥ 60 years, especially those with medical conditions, can get one of these vaccines

Use the QR code to take a quick quiz!



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