

Monoclonal antibody to respiratory syncytial virus (RSV-Ab)

Immunization,
the best protection

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RSV-Ab is a monoclonal antibody used as a preventive treatment to protect babies against severe respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infections and their complications. RSV is a very common and contagious virus, responsible for respiratory tract and lung infections. RSV-Ab protects you during the RSV season.

Disease	Signs and symptoms	Possible complications
Infections with RSV	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cold- or flu-like symptoms (e.g. nasal congestion or discharge, sore throat, cough, fatigue, fever)• Difficult and wheezing breathing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Severe respiratory tract or lung infection, bronchiolitis and other severe respiratory difficulties requiring hospitalization

RSV-Ab

RSV-Ab is one way to protect against RSV infections and their complications. It is administered during RSV season to babies from birth, to babies under 6 months of age, and to babies with conditions that increase their risk of severe RSV infection.

Symptoms after the injection

Some symptoms may be caused by the RSV-Ab (e.g.: redness at the injection site). Other problems may occur by chance and are not related to the RSV-Ab (e.g.: cold, gastro).

RSV-Ab is safe. In most cases, it does not cause any reaction.

Frequency	Known reactions	What to do
Sometimes (less than 1% of people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pain, redness, swelling at the injection site	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply a cold, damp compress at the injection site.• Use a medication for discomfort if needed..• See a health professional if symptoms are severe.

We recommend that you stay on site for at least 15 minutes after administering an RSV-Ab because allergic reactions may occur. If an allergic reaction does occur, symptoms will appear within a few minutes of administration. The person giving the RSV-Ab will be able to treat the reaction immediately on the spot.

For any questions, contact the person giving the RSV-Ab, or Info-Santé 811 or a health professional.