What is PROMISE?

PROMISE (Preparing for RSV Immunisation and Surveillance in Europe) is an IMI project that aims to take a major leap forward in the fight against RSV in Europe and worldwide.

Our mission

PROMISE continues to advance scientific knowledge on RSV to:

• Better inform public health strategies and;
• Support the development and introduction of novel immunisations tools and therapeutics.

Furthermore, the project focuses on:

• Evaluating the impact of COVID-19 on RSV epidemiology with a special focus on infants, young children and older adults.
• Raising awareness about this disease and preventable measures by providing factual information and developing a peer-support network for parents of RSV-affected children that can also advise academics, the pharmaceutical/biotechnology industry, and public health agencies.

What is the Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

The RSV virus is highly contagious.

Babies, small children and elderly people are most at risk.

RSV can cause upper respiratory infections (i.e. colds) and lower respiratory tract infections (i.e. bronchiolitis and pneumonia) and in most severe cases, become life-threatening.

Multiple RSV infections can affect a body during its lifetime. An RSV infection triggers the body to become more immune to the virus, although never at completion.

RSV disease burden

Globally 33 million young children are diagnosed with RSV disease each year.

Annually, 3-6% of all older adults are infected with RSV.

Annually, RSV causes an estimated 118,000 child deaths worldwide.

Childhood RSV costs governments around the world nearly 5 billion euros every year.
What are the benefits of PROMISE?

For RSV patients

• Decrease RSV-related outpatient visits, hospitalisations, and mortality.
• Improve RSV awareness in RSV and immunisation solutions.

For Researchers & Clinicians

• Improving knowledge about RSV disease.
• Provide a robust RSV surveillance network.
• Consolidate data on RSV epidemiology.
• Validate RSV biomarkers.
• Reduce the number of hospital admissions as preventive strategies start to be used and decrease RSV disease burden.

For the Pharmaceutical/Biotech Industry

• Pave the way for the preparation of a framework for immunisation against RSV.
• Support the development of new effective therapeutic products and their post-marketing evaluation, and facilitate regulatory and policy interactions.
• Identify and monitor seasonal RSV epidemics to effectively plan clinical trials.

For Health Authorities

• Evaluate the impact of COVID-19 on RSV epidemiology.
• Better define strategies and adopt new guidelines for RSV immunisation, as well as inform about their policies.
• Incorporate new biomarker-based endpoints for RSV.
• Inform the effective planning of clinical trials for immunisation tools and therapeutics.

Who participates in PROMISE?

Translational scientists, clinicians, public health agencies, the pharmaceutical/biotechnology industry, patient groups, and clinical societies work together within the PROMISE Consortium. The group represents 22 world-class organisations with an impressive track record on RSV research.

Facts & Figures

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