

# Improving Bronchiolitis Management and Prevention

Applying the 2014 AAP Guidelines

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# REVIEW: 2014 AAP GUIDELINES

DIAGNOSIS

TREATMENT

RSV  
PROPHYLAXIS

# 2014 AAP GUIDELINES (1 – 23 months)

DIAGNOSIS

TREATMENT

Guideline excludes children with:

- HIV
- Transplant
- **Recurrent wheezing**
- CLD/BPD
- Neuromuscular disease
- Cystic fibrosis
- Hemodynamically significant CHD

## DIAGNOSIS: 2014 AAP Guidelines

Diagnosis based on history and exam

Do NOT test for RSV or other viruses

Consider risk factors for severe disease:

- Age less than 12 weeks
- History of prematurity
- Underlying cardiopulmonary disease
- Immunodeficiency

Radiographic and laboratory studies not routinely indicated

**Strong**

**Moderate**

## TREATMENT: 2014 AAP Guidelines

NO -- Trial of bronchodilators (albuterol)

NO -- Racemic epinephrine

NO -- Systemic steroids

NO -- Antibacterials UNLESS bacterial infection is strongly suspected or present

YES -- Hydration (NG > IVF for poor PO)

NO -- Hypertonic nebulized saline in the ED

NO -- Chest physiotherapy

YES – Hypertonic nebulized saline if hospitalized

OPTIONAL -- Continuous pulse oximetry for SaO<sub>2</sub> > 90%

OPTIONAL -- Supplemental oxygen for SaO<sub>2</sub> > 90%

**Strong**

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**Weak**



## Changes from 2006 Bronchiolitis Guidelines

- Diagnosis
  - Focus on history and physical
  - NO testing for RSV or other viral infections
- Treatment
  - No trial of albuterol
  - Supportive care – fluids and oxygen

## RSV PROPHYLAXIS: 2014 AAP Guidelines

For infants  $\leq 28$  weeks for **age < 12 mo**

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For infants **age < 12 months IF**

- Impaired clearance of secretions
  - Pulmonary or neuromuscular disease
- Cardiac disease
  - cyanotic congenital heart disease
  - congestive heart failure or cardiomyopathy on medications
  - moderate-severe pulmonary hypertension
- Chronic Lung Disease of Prematurity
  - $< 32$  weeks GA +  $> 21\%$  FiO<sub>2</sub> postnatal 28 days+

**Moderate**

For infants **age < 24 months IF**

- CLD + requiring oxygen, diuretics, steroids and/or bronchodilators within 6 months of RSV season
- severe immunodeficiency

Maximum 5 monthly doses during RSV season



## Changes from 2012 RSV Prophylaxis Guidelines

- RSV Prophylaxis is limited to selected patients
  - No prophylaxis for:
    - Children born at 29+ weeks gestation unless they have other qualifying factors
    - Children ages 12-23 months with cardiac risk factors
  - More specific definition of chronic lung disease of prematurity
  - Recommendation to discontinue RSV prophylaxis series for children admitted with RSV bronchiolitis

# CASES



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## Case 1 : Monday morning at your practice....

- 9 wk old ex 31 wk
- 3 days of symptoms
- afebrile
- breastfeeding and taking formula with some difficulty due to congestion
- normal urine output
- no smoke exposure
- older sibling in pre-K
- appropriate weight gain



## Case 1 : Exam

- alert and tachypneic
- T 36.5    HR 160    RR 65    pulse ox 95%
- nasal congestion, rhinorrhea, moist mucous membranes
- diffuse inspiratory and expiratory rales and scattered wheezing, mild subcostal retractions, no nasal flaring
- normal cardiac exam and capillary refill

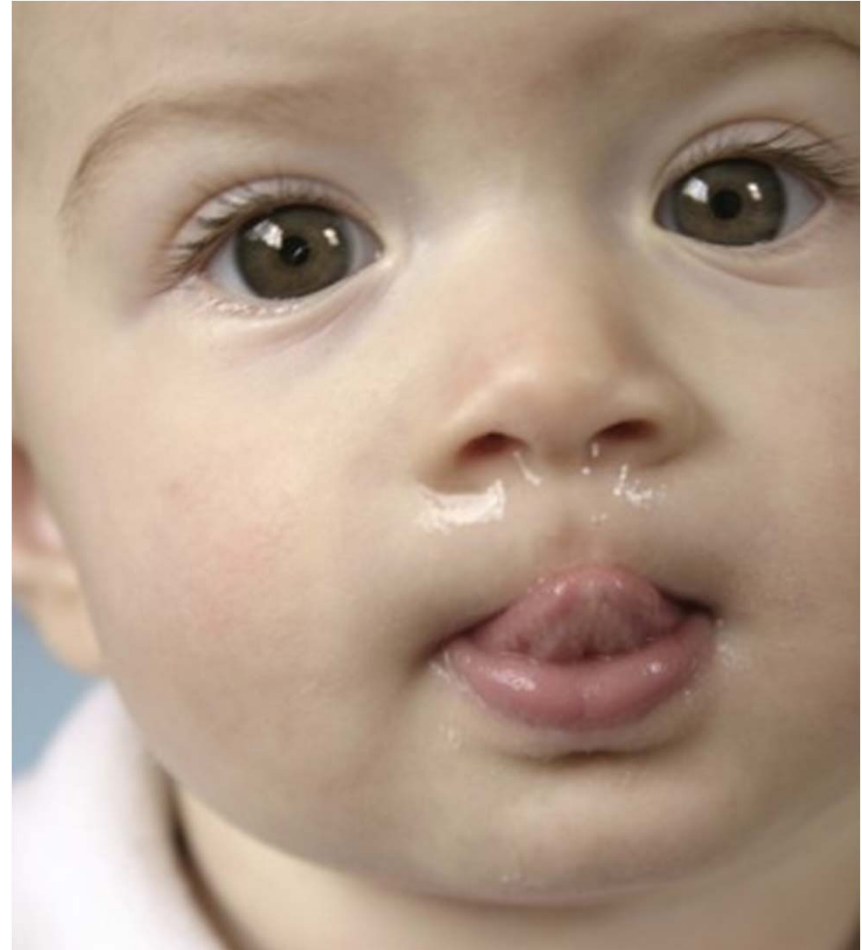
## Case 1: Discuss with your neighbor...

- Should this baby be receiving prophylaxis against RSV infection?
- Does he have risk factors for more severe illness?
- What is your disposition for him?
- Would your disposition change if he was
  - full term?
  - 4 months old?



## Case 2: Friday evening in the ED

- 9 mo FT baby girl
- 1 day of rhinorrhea
- Tm = 101
- Coughing today and vomiting



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## Case 2: Exam

- alert, tachypneic
- RR 70 P<sub>150</sub> T<sub>38.6</sub> BP 80/65 Sat 92%
- normal cardiac exam with no hepatosplenomegaly
- mild retractions, mild belly breathing
- good aeration bilaterally with diffuse expiratory crunchy rales

## Case 2: Discuss with your neighbor...

- Do you want to send an RSV swab or viral panel?
- Do you want to obtain any imaging? labs?
- What is your disposition for her?
  - Treatment? albuterol, racemic epi? oxygen?
  - Admission?
- Would you try albuterol if...
  - she had a history of wheezing three times before?
  - Personal or family history of atopy?
  - lung exam was diffuse end expiratory wheezing, no rales?

# Albuterol

- “a small subset of children with bronchiolitis may have reversible airway obstruction secondary to smooth muscle contraction...”
- Given high rate of atopy in our population, do we see more albuterol responders? Should we use trial it?
- How many jittery babies are worth a baby with retractions?
- Also guideline technically does not apply to infants with “recurrent wheezing”

## Case 2 continued: Hospital course...

- Child was hospitalized: fluids + intermittent hypertonic saline nebs
- Day 5 of illness:
  - intermittent pulse oximetry 91% on RA
  - RR 55
  - feeding well with good wet diapers
  - no nebs x 24 hours



## Case 2: Discuss with your neighbor...

- Is this child ready to go home?
- When do you want to see her for follow-up?
- If the mother calls your office after discharge reporting infant is still coughing what would you recommend?

## Food for thought

- Do our practices provide a cohesive and coherent model of care for children and families that traverse these different care settings?
- How can we collaborate to establish a stable approach for bronchiolitis, based on evidence, that is consistent and reliable in the eyes of our families as they entrust in us the care of their sick infant?

## Future Directions

- Evaluation of adherence to guidelines and outcomes
- Telemedicine for follow-up visits
- Routine use of ultrasound for diagnosis
- Hypertonic saline for outpatient treatment
- Home on oxygen