MEASURING THE BURDEN OF RSV AMONG YOUNG CHILDREN IN PRIMARY CARE:

Results of the RSV ComNet pilot in Italy and the Netherlands

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Unmet need

Lack of knowledge on the burden of RSV infections in young children in primary care

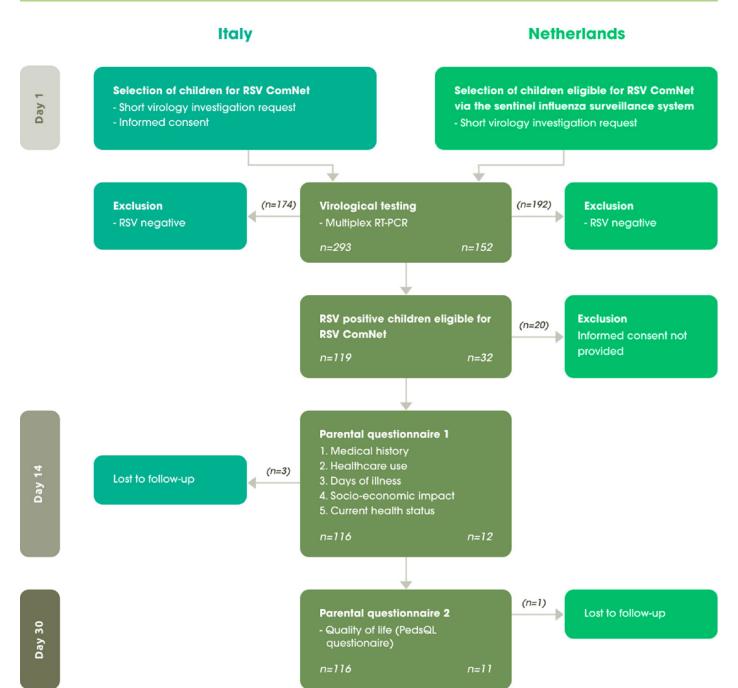
Objective

To develop and evaluate a study protocol to measure the burden of RSV in children aged <5 years in primary care

Inclusion criteria

- Age <5 years
- Italy: Consultation paediatrician with ARI symptoms
- Netherlands: Consultation GP with ARI or ILI symptoms
- Lab-confirmed RSV ARI, Acute Respiratory Infection; ILI, Influenza-like illness, GP, General practitioner

STUDY PROTOCOL



RESULTS		
Indicators of protocol feasibility		
	Italy	Netherlands
Patient recruitment, % (n)		
D14 response rate	97% (116/119)	38% (12/32)
D30 response rate	97% (116/119)	34% (11/32)
Data collection procedures		
Days between disease onset and swab, median (IQR)	2 (1–3.5)	3 (2–4.5)
D14 questionnaire duration, min	7 (5–10)	4 (3–5)
D30 questionnaire duration, min	10 (7–15)	4 (3–8)
Children with symptoms at d14, % (n)	33.6% (40)	67% (8)

CONCLUSIONS



RSV ComNet study protocol is feasible to implement in a network of paediatricians and via the routine influenza surveillance network of general practitioners



Clinical burden, health care utilisation and societal impact of RSV can be measured on an individual patient level in a primary care setting



Measuring quality of life is challenging in very young children



Day 30 questionnaire can be improved by measuring health care utilisation, societal impact and complications related to RSV

IMPROVED DATA COLLECTION PROTOCOL

GP or paediatrician completes

Parental questionnaire 1 1. Health care use of their child

short questionnaire

1. Patient demographics

2. Date of onset clinical symptoms

3. Presentation of clinical symptoms

4. Medical history of the child

Nasopharyngeal swab for virological testing by multiplex PCR at reference laboratory

 Number of days of illness
 Socio-economic impact on parents or primary caregiver
4. Current health status
5. Quality of life (measured by VAS)

Parental questionnaire 2
1. Health care use of their child 2. Number of days of illness3. Socio-economic impact on parents or primary

caregiver
4. Current health status
5. Quality of life (measured by VAS)
6. Complications related to RSV infection (e.g. otitis

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Study planned to measure the burden of RSV in young



