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OXFORD-RCGP RSC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our monthly updates for RSC member practices! We are grateful for your continued partnership and vital contributions to advancing surveillance and primary care research.

Looking back on: September

- Preparing for the upcoming conferences
- Welcome David Hewitt
- Increasing cases of Acute Bronchitis/Bronchiolitis in under 5s
- Article of the Month

A busy couple of weeks as the CIHORG team go on tour

We are very excited for our upcoming appearances at the the Best Practice Conference, the Pharmacy Show and the RCGP Conference in October.

We have been busy this month excitedly preparing our marketing materials and look forward to seeing some of you there.

October, 2025:

Key Dates

8-9 October - Best Practice Conference
Location: NEC Birmingham

9-10 October - RCGP Conference
Location: ICC Wales

12-13 October - Pharmacy Show
Location: NEC Birmingham



Our team is growing

This month we were lucky to expand our team with the addition of David Hewitt, our newest Practice Liaison Officer.

David has settled into the team very well and is a valuable contributor to the day to day tasks of our network.

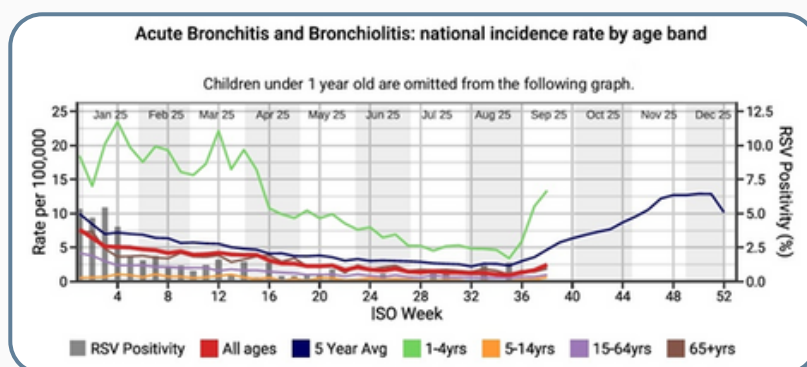
David spent five years living and working in South Korea as an English teacher. His academic and professional interests are in History and he is an avid Formula 1 fan...but we won't judge him on that.



Increasing incidences of bronchitis/bronchiolitis in children under 5

Over the past few weeks, we note the trend in rising bronchiolitis and bronchitis, particularly in the under 5 year olds.

We are particularly interested in capturing these episodes in younger patients and infants under one year old following the introduction of the RSV vaccine for pregnant women in autumn 2024.



Article of the month

Economic impact of RSV infections in young children attending primary care: a prospective cohort study in five European countries, 2021 to 2023

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) can cause severe respiratory illness in young children. New immunisation methods to prevent RSV infection were approved in 2022 and 2023, but economic evaluations are needed to ensure cost-effectiveness. While most RSV infections are managed in primary care, data on associated costs are limited. Our aim was to examine the costs of RSV in outpatient care in five European countries during the 2021–23 seasons.

We observed that RSV infections treated outside of hospitals are costly in children under 5 years, but the costs vary substantially between countries. The main drivers of these costs are repeated doctor visits and parents missing work to care for their sick child. Healthcare costs are generally higher for infants, whereas work-related costs for parents are higher for children 1–5 years.

[Read the full article here](#)

