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Evaluation of new palivizumab recommendations in healthy term infants in Nunavik, Quebec

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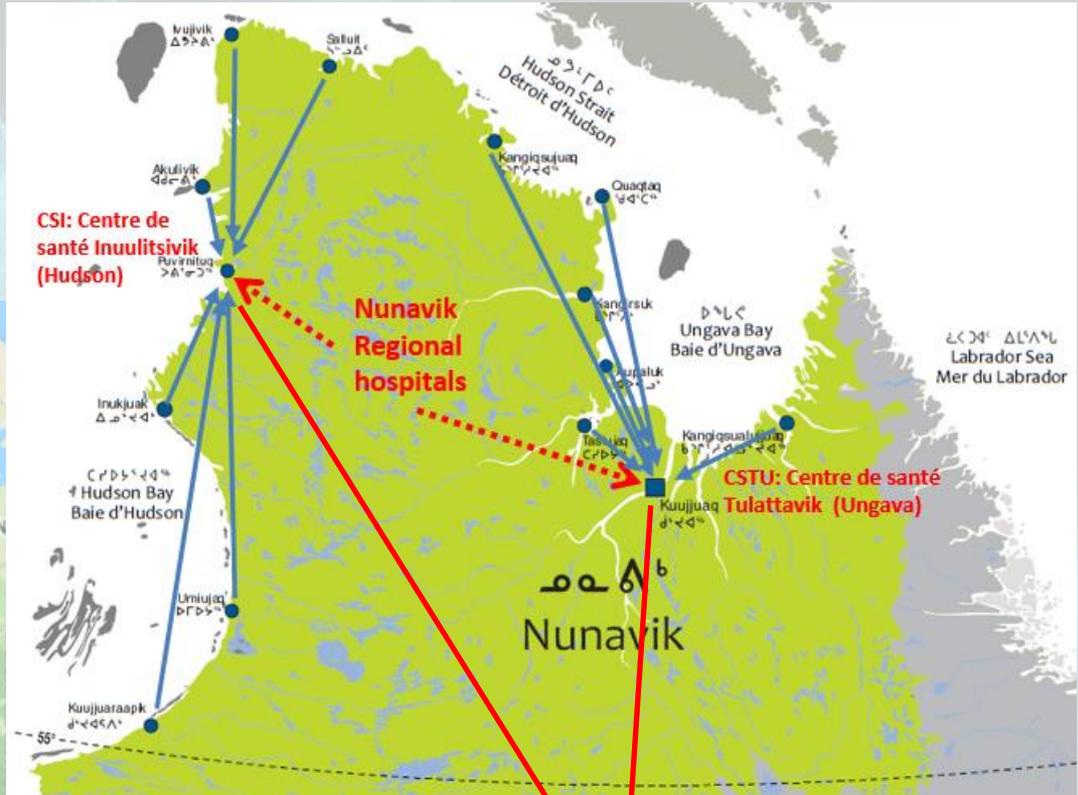
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Background

- Palivizumab (SYNAGIS®, AbbVie): monoclonal antibody for prevention of RSV infections in groups at high risk
- First dose at birth, subsequent doses every month during RSV season
- New eligibility criteria issued in Quebec for the 2016-17 RSV season for **Nunavik healthy full-term infants 0-2 months of age (<3 months)**
- Implementation by Nunavik authorities in 2016
 - up to 3 doses for the 2016-17 season
 - up to 5 doses for the 2017-18 season
- To our knowledge, no program in healthy full-term infants has been implemented elsewhere

- Nunavik

- Population ≈12,000
- Pop/km² 0.02



transfer by air transportation:

regional

tertiary



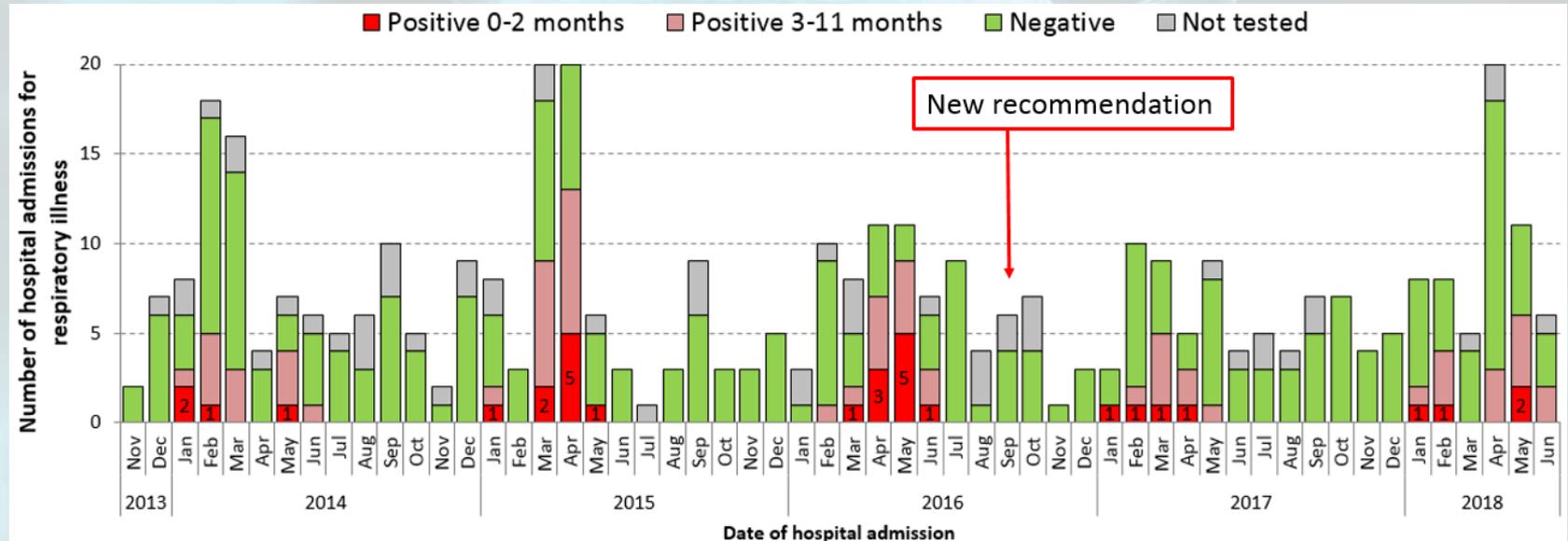
Evaluation of the impact of new recommendation on RSV-associated hospitalizations

- Little information on the burden of RSV-associated hospital admissions in Nunavik
- A minimum of 7 years deemed necessary to detect a significant decrease in RSV hospitalizations following new recommendation
 - 3 retrospective seasons 2013-14 to 2015-16
 - 4 prospective seasons 2016-17 to 2020-21
- Qualitative evaluation for the first prospective season

Data sources

- Hospital admission registry
 - ICD10 respiratory Dx codes J00-J22
- Hospital charts of <12-month-old Nunavik infants admitted to hospital (regional and tertiary) with a respiratory Dx
- Laboratory RSV tests results
 - Retrospective: antigenic tests and/or multiplex PCR tests in tertiary hospitals
 - Prospective: systematic multiplex PCR tests at Québec Public health laboratory
- Palivizumab use: pharmacy data (administered doses)

Number of respiratory regional and tertiary hospital admissions in <12-month-old Nunavik infants by month, November 2013 to June 2018



RSV season: January to June, severity variable

Number of regional and tertiary admissions with a **confirmed RSV** infection in Nunavik infants, according to different sources

Season	Regional and tertiary admissions				Tertiary admissions			
	0-2 months	3-5 months	<u>6-11 months</u>	overall	0-2 months	3-5 months	6-11 months	overall
2005-06					4			4
2006-07					5		2	7
2007-08					1	1		2
2008-09	17	7	18	42	4			4
2009-10	11	8	13	32	3	4	3	10
2010-11					2		2	4
2011-12					1	2		3
2012-13					6	1		7
2013-14	4	5	7	16	1		2	3
2014-15	8	7	10	25	2			2
2015-16	10	6	6	22	5			5
2016-17	4	2	6	12	0			0
2017-18	4	5	8	17	1*			1*

New recommendations in 0-2 months

Courtesy of Dr Anna Banerji

Courtesy of Dr Johanne Morel

Present evaluation and Dr Morel data for tertiary transfers up to 2015-16

*child with chronic condition

2017-18: 8 tertiary transfers for other viruses (4 rhinoviruses); 1 not tested

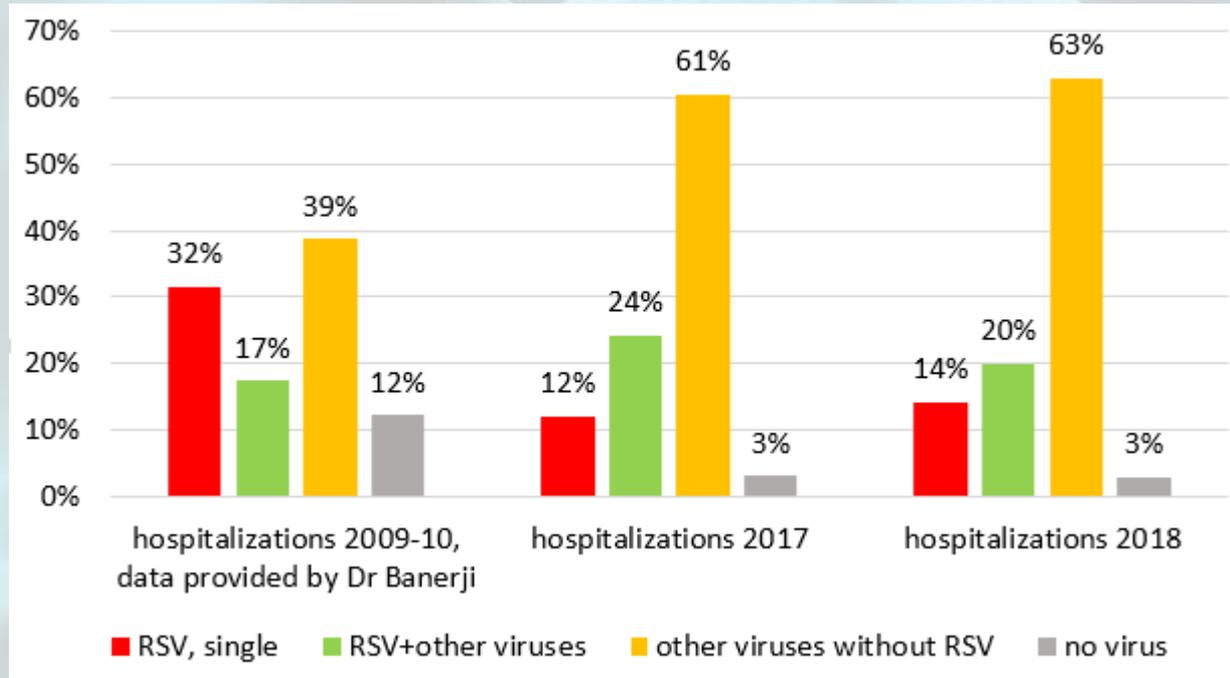
Number of laboratory tests and results by type of test, January to June

Respiratory admissions	Retrospective period (2014-2016)	Intervention period	
		2017	2018
	N= 169	N= 39	N= 57
Antigen detection test done (% among admissions)	145 (86%)	37 (95%)	53 (93%)
RSV+		7 (19%)	10 (19%)
PCR done* (% among admissions)	38 (23%)	32 (82%)	22 (36%)
RSV+		12 (38%)	12 (55%)

Sensitivity of the local antigen detection test compared to PCR: 58% in 2017; 46% in 2018

* Tertiary center and/or Québec public health laboratory

RSV and other respiratory viruses in infants hospitalized with a respiratory Dx



Other detected viruses:

- Rhino/Enteroviruses
- HMPV
- Adenoviruses
- PIV 1-4
- Coronaviruses
- Influenza
- Bocavirus

up to 4 viruses detected simultaneously in one infant

Palivizumab use

Retrospective

2014-16

- Average per year ≈ 41 children (premature and/or with chronic conditions)
- 10%-50% of those eligible received at least one dose
- At least one dose missed compared to scheduled doses: 50%

Prospective

2016-17

- N=170 healthy full-term children* eligible
- 95% received at least one dose
- At least one dose missed compared to scheduled doses: : 31%

Prospective

2017-18

- N=182 healthy full-term children** eligible
- 86% received at least one dose
- At least one dose missed compared to scheduled doses: 46%

*born between October 1, 2016 and April 30, 2017

**born between October 1, 2017 and May 31, 2018

Healthy full-term infants < 3 months hospitalized with a confirmed RSV infection in 2017 and 2018

#Case	Laboratory test		Other respiratory viruses	Palivizumab		
	Local antigenic test	PCR		Eligible	Received	Delay between last dose and date of admission
2017						
1	negative	positive	Metapneumovirus	3 doses	1 dose	49 days
2	negative	positive	Rhino/Enterovirus	3 doses	3 doses	24 days
3	positive	positive	No	3 doses	3 doses	4 days
4	positive	positive	Adeno + Parainfluenza	1 dose	No	NA
2018						
5	positive	NA	NA	5 doses	No	NA
6	negative	positive	Rhino/Enterovirus	2 doses	2 doses	24 days
7	negative	positive	Rhino/Enterovirus	3 doses	2 doses	39 days

NA: not available

In red: failure to prevent regional hospitalization/and regional medevac (air transportation)

Conclusions

- Some reduction in RSV-associated hospitalizations was observed in <3-month-olds after the implementation of new recommendation
- The impact of the program is difficult to measure with precision at this point, but it does not seem optimal; this includes acceptability and feasibility issues
- A cost-effectiveness analysis is essential in order to evaluate the pertinence of palivizumab program in Nunavik



Thank you!



Report of first year evaluation available at:
https://nrbhss.ca/sites/default/files/documentations/report_palivizumab_immunoprophylaxis_nunavik_infants.pdf

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