

RSV PREVENTATIVE ANTIBODIES

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AS SEASONAL ILLNESSES RAMP UP THIS FALL - THERE WILL BE EXTRA PROTECTION FOR BABIES AGAINST ONE PARTICULARLY PROBLEMATIC ILLNESS CALLED R-S-V.

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MANY PARENTS BECAME ALL TOO FAMILIAR WITH R-S-V LAST SEASON ... AS RATES SURGED IN INFANTS AND CHILDREN.

R-S-V IS A RESPIRATORY ILLNESS THAT CAN LEAD TO HOSPITALIZATION FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE LIKE YOUNG BABIES.

NOW THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION HAS APPROVED A NEW PREVENTATIVE TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF TWO.

EMERGENCY MEDICINE PEDIATRICIAN DOCTOR DOMINIC LUCIA (LOO-CHIA) SAYS IT'S A BREAKTHROUGH TREATMENT HEADING INTO WHAT IS EXPECTED TO BE A CHALLENGING SEASON OF VIRUSES... BUT IT'S OFTEN MISLEADINGLY REFERRED TO AS A 'VACCINE'.

{**TAKE SOT**}

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"What we have for infants and toddlers is a monoclonal antibody. So, this is a monoclonal antibody that they can get a shot with and provide short-term protection with their first RSV season for these infants.

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THE PREVENTATIVE ANTIBODY TREATMENT IS APPROVED FOR BABIES GOING INTO THEIR FIRST R-S-V SEASON ... AND CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF TWO WHO ARE AT HIGHER RISK OF COMPLICATIONS.