

SYNAGIS (RSV PROPHYLAXIS) HANDOUT

RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) Infection has been the leading cause of lower respiratory tract illness in children. Serious illness is more likely to occur in children with prematurity, chronic lung disease, congenital heart disease, multiple congenital anomalies and immunodeficiency. RSV has also been a major contributor to annual hospitalization of children.

Although Synagis does not prevent RSV, it has the potential to decrease severity of infection and reduce the possibilities of your child needing hospitalization.

Synagis will be given monthly as an intramuscular injection throughout the RSV season which approximately runs from November through April. (May start earlier or be extended if needed.)

Possible side effects of Synagis may include: warmth or itching at the site of injection, mild fever, diarrhea, vomiting & very rare cases of anaphylaxis. Your pediatrician has determined that your child will benefit from this course of therapy. Your cooperation in following the monthly visits to the Injection Clinic will be appreciated.

Please feel free to discuss any concerns you have prior to the initial dose and at any time thereafter by calling (408) 972-6135. To reschedule an appointment, please call the same number, leave a message with your Kaiser medical record number, name of your child, and phone number and indicate that you wish to reschedule your baby's Synagis injection. A registered nurse will return your call.