

# INFORMATION FOR PARENTS CONCERNING PALIVIZUMAB (SYNAGIS)

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## RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (RSV)

- ◆ Infects mostly children under two years of age, particularly very young babies
- ◆ Is very contagious
- ◆ Is transmitted through touching, kissing, sneezing, or contacts with objects contaminated by an infected person
- ◆ Causes symptoms similar to those of a cold
- ◆ May cause lung infections
- ◆ May require hospitalization including intensive care stays

## PALIVIZUMAB

- ◆ Is a preventive treatment
- ◆ It works differently than a vaccine
- ◆ Reduces the risk of your baby getting very sick even if he or she is in contact with or develops RSV
- ◆ Protects against RSV complications for approximately 30 days. It is therefore important that the baby receives all doses

### YOU CAN ACT TO PREVENT AN INFECTION

- ◆ Breastfeed your baby 
- ◆ Do not smoke around your baby 
- ◆ Ask people to wash their hands before touching your baby 
- ◆ Keep your baby away from anyone with symptoms of cold or fever 
- ◆ Regularly wash your baby's toys and environment 
- ◆ Have all the recommended immunizations administered to your child 

Potential side effects of Palivizumab (less than 1% of cases)

- ◆ Rash
- ◆ Moderate fever
- ◆ Redness, irritation at injection site

It is recommended to remain on site for at least 15 minutes after the injection, since allergic reactions to the medication normally occurs within minutes of administration.

\* If you have any questions, consult your CLSC.

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## LE VIRUS RESPIRATOIRE SYNCYTIAL (VRS)

- ◆ Infecte le plus souvent les enfants de moins de 2 ans, particulièrement les très jeunes bébés
- ◆ Est très contagieux
- ◆ Se transmet lors de touchers, baisers, éternuements, ou lors de contacts avec des objets contaminés par une personne infectée
- ◆ Provoque des symptômes similaires à un rhume
- ◆ Peut entraîner des infections des poumons
- ◆ Peut causer des hospitalisations et des séjours aux soins intensifs

## LE PALIVIZUMAB

- ◆ Est un traitement préventif
- ◆ Agit différemment d'un vaccin
- ◆ Diminue le risque que votre bébé soit très malade même s'il est en contact ou développe le VRS
- ◆ Protège des complications du VRS pendant environ 30 jours.  
Il est donc important que votre bébé reçoive toutes les doses

## VOUS POUVEZ AGIR POUR PRÉVENIR UNE INFECTION

- ◆ Allaitez votre bébé 
- ◆ Ne pas fumer autour de votre bébé 
- ◆ Demandez aux gens de se laver les mains avant de toucher à votre bébé 
- ◆ Garder votre bébé loin de toute personne qui présente des symptômes du rhume ou de la fièvre 
- ◆ Laver régulièrement les jouets et l'environnement de votre bébé 
- ◆ Faites administrer tous les vaccins recommandés à votre enfant 

Effets secondaires possibles du Palivizumab (moins de 1 % des cas)

- ◆ Éruption cutanée (rash)
- ◆ Fièvre modérée
- ◆ Rougeur, irritation au site d'injection

Il est recommandé de demeurer sur place au moins 15 minutes après l'injection car les réactions allergiques au médicament surviennent habituellement dans les minutes qui suivent l'administration.

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