

# Does my baby “just” have a cold?



## Bronchiolitis

- common **contagious** lung infection **affecting babies** and young children
  - caused by the respiratory syncytial **virus: RSV**
  - most widespread during the **winter** months (Oct-Mar)
- **can develop into serious lower respiratory tract infection**

### Risk factors

- birth during RSV-season (fall and winter)
  - siblings attending nursery or school

### Risk groups

- premature infants born before 37 weeks of gestation
- children with chronic lung or congenital heart disease
  - children with Down syndrome

### Symptoms

- rapid breathing or wheezing (noisy breathing)
  - difficulty feeding
  - bluish skin color around the mouth
- chest retractions or widening nostrils with each breath

### Want to know more?

[www.resvnet.org/patient-network](http://www.resvnet.org/patient-network)