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INFORMATION ON THE PREVENTION OF RSV RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS IN NEWBORNS USING BEYFORTUS®

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# PREVENTION OF RSV RESPIRATORY

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#### WHAT IS AN RSV INFECTION?

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) can cause bronchiolitis. Bronchiolitis is a highly contagious respiratory tract infection. The epidemic period begins in autumn and ends at the end of winter. In some cases, it can lead to hospitalisation or even a stay in intensive care unit.

#### WHAT IS BEYFORTUS®?

Beyfortus® is a preventive medicine that reduces the risk of RSV infection in children. It contains an antibody (which differentiates it from a vaccine), nirsevimab, which targets RSV.

### **HOW IS IT ADMINISTERED?**

Your paediatrician will determine the dose to be administered according to your child's weight and will give an injection into the thigh muscle. A single injection is effective for at least 5 months and covers an entire epidemic season. The injection can be given at the same time as other childhood vaccines.

The injection will be indicated in your child's vaccination record.



## WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS?

Like all medicines, Beyfortus<sup>®</sup> can sometimes cause side effects. These generally appear in the days following the injection and are of low intensity and short duration.

Possible side effects include

- A skin rash
- A reaction at the injection site (redness, swelling, pain)
- Fever

If you notice any of these signs in your child after the injection, tell the healthcare team or call your doctor.

#### WITH OR WITHOUT BEYFORTUS®, DON'T FORGET TO APPLY THE BASIC PREVENTIVE MEASURES:

- Wash your hands regularly
- Air the bedroom and living areas
- Avoid exposure to tobacco
- Avoid confined and busy places (supermarkets, public transport, etc.)
- Avoid contact with people who have a cold
- Wear a mask if you are ill
- Avoid sharing dummies, feeding bottles and toys with other children, and wash them regularly.