



EMIHS 5-minute Lineup Drill

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) in Children

Viral infection that causes inflammation of the small airways in the lungs

Mild

- Runny nose
- Fever
- Cough

Moderate

- Poor eating, drinking and/or difficulty swallowing
- Wheezing
- Tachypnea

Severe

- Hypoxia
- Nasal flaring
- Use of accessory muscles to breathe
- Retractions
- Periods of apnea

Treatments are supportive and directed at the symptoms:

- Treat hypoxia with oxygen
- Treat fever with Tylenol
- Treat wheezing with appropriate bronchodilators
- Treat severe dehydration with IV fluids