

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), explained in a new article by physician & surgeon Kamal K. Pourmoghadam, MD

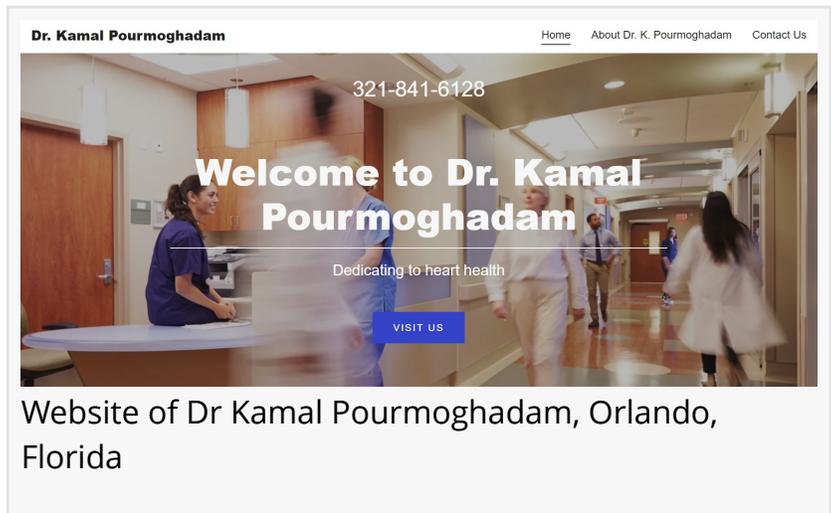
Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) targets premature children, the elderly, toddlers and adults with a heart or lung disease. Dr. Kamal Pourmoghadam explains.

ORLANDO, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES, June 18, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a respiratory infection of the airways, lungs and the respiratory tract caused by a virus. It is a very common infection among infants, with most infant infected by it at least one by the time they reach the age of two. But this infection is not limited to just children, it also infects adults at times. RSV usually targets premature children, the elderly, toddlers and adults with a heart or lung disease, or anyone with a very weak or compromised immune system, like HIV patients.

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To explain, medical doctor and surgeon [Kamal Pourmoghadam](#), MD has published an informational article on this subject in an easy-to-understand way. The complete article will be published on the Blog of [Dr. Pourmoghadam](#) at <https://drpourmoghadam.home.blog/>

Symptoms

Signs and symptoms of the respiratory syncytial viral infection usually appear four to six days after the initial exposure to the virus. These include:

- * Stuffy or runny nose
- * Dry cough

- * Low-grade or at times high fever
- * Sore throat
- * Headache, lethargy and fatigue
- * Wheezing
- * Rapid breathing or difficulty breathing
- * Skin color changing to blue or purple
- * Irritability
- * Loss of appetite

The recovery time duration is between one to two weeks, with some patients complaining of chronic cough sometimes.

Causes

The respiratory syncytial virus enters the human body via the eyes, nose or mouth. It is highly contagious and commonly spreads through the medium of air in the form of droplets released during coughing or sneezing. It can also be transmitted through physical contact. An infected person is highly contagious in the first few days after contracting the infection after which the incubation period ends.

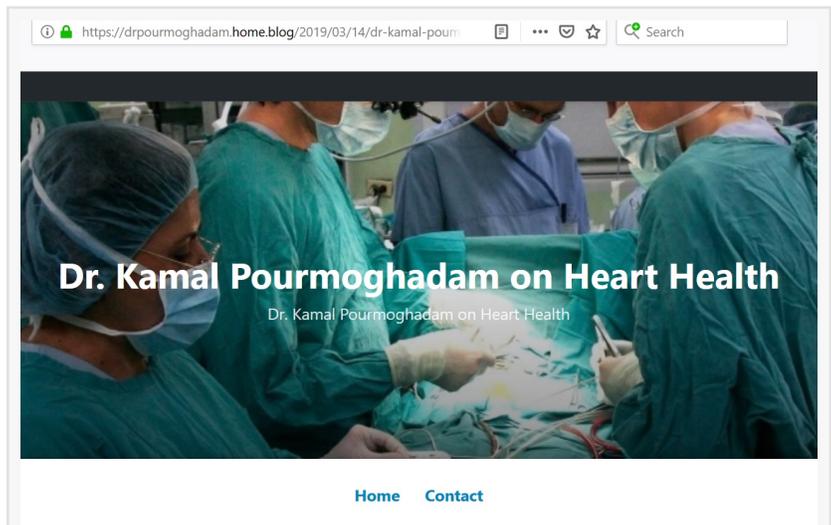
Risk factors

Certain risk factors are considered to increase the probability of your child getting infected with RSV. These include:

- * Premature birth
- * Congenital heart or lung disease patients
- * People with compromised or weakened immune system

Complications

The respiratory syncytial virus may also cause certain complications if left untreated. These



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include:

- * Excessive loss of body fluids
- * Pneumonia and bronchiolitis
- * Middle ear infection.
- * Asthma.
- * Recurrent infections.

Prevention

Currently, there is no specific vaccine for the respiratory syncytial virus but some precautionary measures can help reduce the risks of being infected by RSV:

- * Wash your hands frequently to prevent the virus and the infection from spreading to other people.
- * Avoid exposure and physical contact especially with babies, infants and people with compromised immune systems.
- * Sterilize your things and keep them clean, Especially items like bed linen, toiletries, toys and utensils.
- * Avoid sharing glasses, cutlery and other items that may spread the virus
- * Avoid smoking

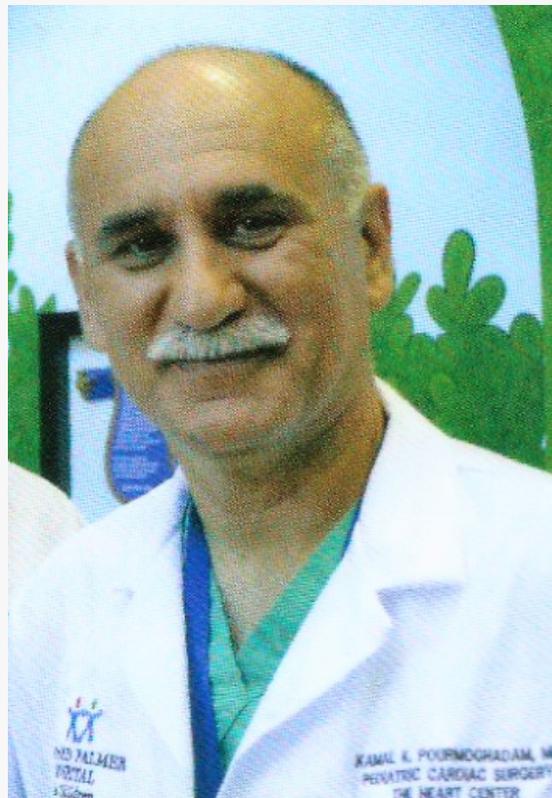
A disease specific drug by the name of palivizumab (Synagis) can also be administered to infants at high risk of contracting the Respiratory syncytial viral infection.

If your child displays any of the above-mentioned signs and symptoms, seek immediate medical attention and seclude your child to avoid the infection from spreading to other family members, advises Dr. Pourmoghadam.

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