

# Maternal RSV case study Amira

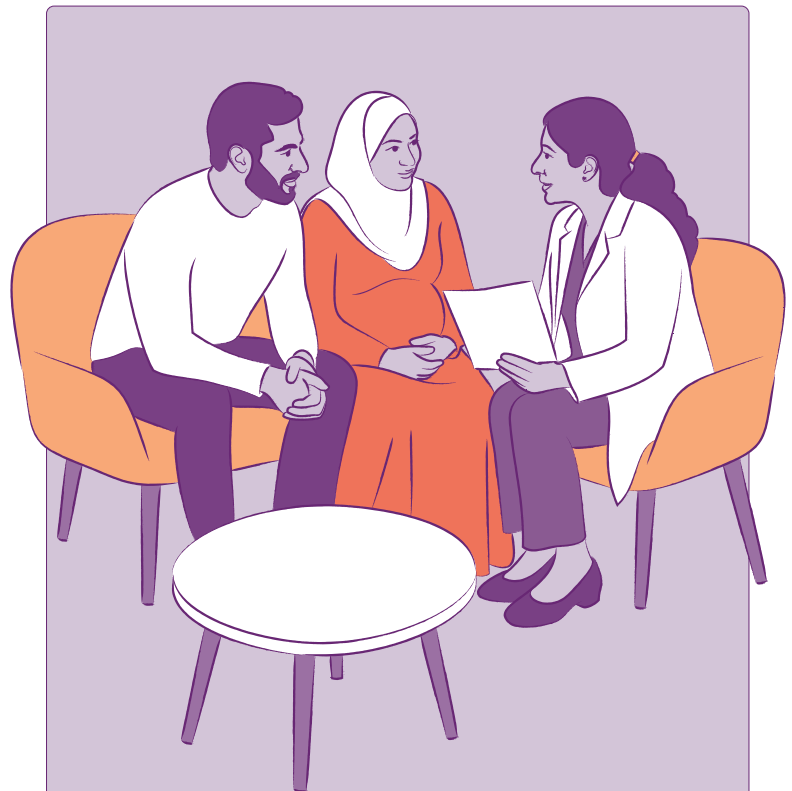
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Amira is excited to be expecting her first child and often turns to her family for advice and support throughout her pregnancy. During a family gathering, conversations about keeping babies healthy encouraged her to speak with her doctor about ways to protect her newborn.

At her next appointment, her doctor introduced the maternal Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine. Amira had never heard of RSV before and wanted to understand whether it was the right choice for her baby. Her doctor explained that RSV is a serious disease that infects a baby's nose, throat and lungs and is a leading cause of childhood hospitalisation.

After learning more about RSV, Amira discussed the information with her husband and family. She was reassured to learn that the RSV vaccine is safe during pregnancy, effective and available for free under the National Immunisation Program (NIP) for eligible pregnant women from 28 weeks.

With the support of her family and confidence in her doctor's advice, Amira chose to get vaccinated, helping protect her baby from birth and giving her peace of mind throughout her pregnancy.



“I had never heard of RSV before. My doctor explained how serious it can be for newborn babies and answered all my questions. Speaking with my doctor and discussing the information with my family helped me feel reassured and confident about getting the free RSV vaccine to help protect my baby from birth.”

- Amira

## More information

- talk to your vaccination provider
- visit [health.gov.au/maternalvaccinations/translated-resources](https://health.gov.au/maternalvaccinations/translated-resources)
- contact your state or territory department

