

Maternal RSV case study Linh

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As her due date approached, Linh found herself thinking about the future and the kind of start she wanted for her baby. Like many expectant parents, she wanted to do everything she could to support her growing family's health and wellbeing.

During a family lunch Linh's sister who had a baby the year before asked if she had gotten her maternal vaccinations. She said she should ask at her next pregnancy appointment when she should book in to have those done. Her sister told her she had gotten the RSV vaccine, and this had kept her baby healthy.

At her next appointment, Linh asked her healthcare professional about the maternal Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine. When she learned that RSV is a serious disease that infects a baby's nose, throat and lungs and is a leading cause of childhood hospitalisation, she immediately wanted to know how she could help protect her newborn.

Her healthcare professional explained that the RSV vaccine is safe, effective and available for free under the National Immunisation Program (NIP) for eligible pregnant women from 28 weeks of pregnancy. Knowing that vaccination could help protect her baby from birth gave Linh confidence in her decision.

After learning more about RSV and the benefits of maternal vaccination, Linh chose to get vaccinated during her pregnancy to help give her baby the best possible start in life.



“When I learned how serious RSV can be for young babies, I wanted to do everything I could to help protect my baby. Getting the free maternal RSV vaccine during pregnancy gave me confidence that I was helping give my baby the best possible start from birth.”

- Linh

More information

- talk to your vaccination provider
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- contact your state or territory department

