

Bronchiolitis.

- * acute
- * usually viral
- * seasonal (Nov-April)
- * MCC of LRTI in 1st year.
- * highly contagious
- * $I \leftrightarrow I$ → direct contact with
 - nasal secretions
 - airborne droplets
 - fomites.

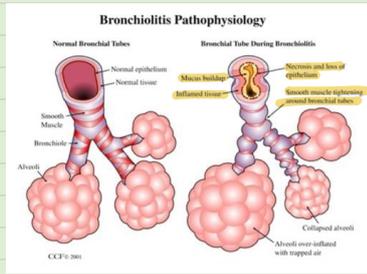
* self limiting.

RSV → A more severe dis
 B
 - more severe than others.
 - with rhinovirus more severe dis.

* previous infection ⇒ no immunity
 ⇒ Reinfection is common

RF :-

- age < 3ms.
- Low birth weight \rightarrow premature.
- Low socioeconomic group.
- Childcare center
- Parental smoking
- Chronic lung dis → bronchopulm. dysplasia.
- Cong. Heart dis
- Immune deficiency → acquired cong
- Airway anomalies.



Infants → small bronchi
 is associated collateral ventilation
 high closing volume
 - more likely blocked by secretion
 - less ability to respond to clear infection

* infection 18-24 hr → bronchiolar injury. ⇒ mucous
 Bronchioles obstruct → hyperinflation
 constriction → airway resistance
 alveolar death. → atelectasis
 VAP mismatching

Clinical presentation:-

- 1 S & of URTI → irritability, difficulty feeding, nasal congestion
 2-3 days
- 2 S & of LRTI → cough, dyspnea, wheezing, tachypnea, retractions, grunting.
 3-4 days → Peaks

Diagnosis ⇒ Clinically.

- images? → chest x-ray → pneumonia
- Lab test? → viral
- * PCR
- * urine culture. * Cx → URTI
- persistently focal coughing
- T > 29 despite antipyretic
- severe or worsening dis.

* age < 6ms → apnea

* require ICU → preterm
 * with apnea
 * low birth weight.
 * RR > 70/min

Management

Supportive → O₂ saline nose drops & suctioning
 adequate hydration
 antipyretics.

Bronchiolitis severity classification

Severity	Criteria
Mild disease	• Infant is alert/active • Feeding well • None to minimal intercostal retractions • Respiratory rate normal to mildly elevated (< 60 breaths/minute)
Moderate disease	• Infant is alert/able to be consoled • Feeding decreased • Minimal to moderate intercostal retractions • Respiratory rate mildly to moderately elevated (50-70 breaths/minute)
Severe disease	• Infant is difficult to console • Feeding absent • Moderate to severe intercostal retractions • Respiratory rate moderately to severely elevated (> 70 breaths/minute)

Bronchiolitis are not recommended that can be used only in patients who demonstrate clinical improvement after initial use.
 Epinephrine is not recommended.
 Ribavirin is not recommended as it is considered ineffective.
 Antibiotics are not recommended.
 No data for chlorhexidine in the treatment of infants with bronchiolitis.
 Nebulized hypertonic saline for hospitalized infants only.

TABLE 2 Indicators for Hospitalization in Bronchiolitis Caused by RSV

Age less than three months
Gestational age at birth of less than 34 weeks
Cardiopulmonary disease or immunodeficiency
Respiratory rate higher than 70 breaths per minute
Apnea/apnoea
Wheezing and respiratory distress associated with oxygen saturation below 92 percent on room air
Hypoxemia
Apnoeas or consolidation on chest radiography
RSV in respiratory secretions

prevention :-

- good hygiene
- during RSV season
- Palivizumab every month
- Saline nose

Vaccines
 Nirsevimab → Pfizer
 Adult RSV vaccine
 Alevista → pfizer, unvaxd.

Table 1. Viruses Detected in Nasopharyngeal Secretions from Hospitalized Children with Bronchiolitis.^a

Virus	Type	Approximate Frequency %	Seasonality in North America
Respiratory syncytial virus	A and B	50-80	November through April
Human rhinovirus	Groups A, B, and C; >100 serotypes		Peak activity in spring and autumn
Parainfluenza virus	Type 3 most common, followed by types 1, 2, and 4	5-25	Type 3 is most prominent during spring, summer, and fall in odd-numbered years
Human metapneumovirus	Subgroups A and B	5-10	Late winter and early spring; season typically peaks 1-2 mo later than RSV peak
Coronavirus	OC43, 229E, NL63, and HKU1	5-10	Winter and spring
Adenovirus	>50 serotypes	5-10	Year-round, although season for certain serotypes may be more restricted
Influenza virus	A and B	1-5	November through April
Enterovirus	Echovirus and coxsackievirus	1-5	Generally June through October

Recurrent wheezing in children

- 1/3 of preschool age children

- cause significant morbidity

Common in early life.

- Episodic
- viral induced

Wheezes (S) Stridor (P)
lower airways upper airways
high pitched loud hoarse.
expiration inspiration

[persistent] → more likely in :-

- children for mother with asthma

- ↑ serum IgE ← 1st year
6th year

- normal lung function test → 1st year
diminished → 6th year

[Transient] more likely in :-

- children for smoker mother

- ↓ airway function ← 1st year
6th year

- didn't have ↑ serum IgE or skin test reactivity.

Pathophysiology :-

- anatomical (narrow airway)
- Genetic (atopy family Hx)
- Environment (tobacco exposure)
- Immunological.

• Airway obstruction

Investigation :-

Clinical Ex. unless recurrent persistent

- Chest x-ray
- Chest CT
- If atopic
 - ↳ CBC
 - ↳ allergy skin test
 - ↳ IgE levels
- Immunoglobulin assay
- Barium swallow
- sweat chloride test
- Bronchoscopy.

Treatment :-

- Bronchodilators (short acting B2 agonist)

1st line. in acute

- Inhaled steroids

✓ in persistent & late onset wheeze

- Systemic steroids

✓ in acute wheezy episodes

- Antileukotriens (Montelukast)

✓ viral wheezing safe

- Antibiotics

- Antihistamines

DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

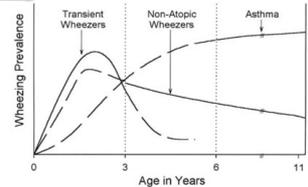
Table 1

Causes of wheezing in children.

Anatomical	Tracheoesophageal fistula or malacia Airway compression (e.g., caused by a vascular ring, bronchogenic cyst, cystic lung over inflation, and diaphragmatic hernia)
Host defense defects	Cystic fibrosis, primary ciliary dyskinesia, and defects in immunity
Postviral syndromes	Bronchiolitis, protracted bacterial bronchitis
Recurrent aspiration	Gastroesophageal reflux disease Disorders of swallowing; neuromuscular disease or mechanical disorders
Perinatal disorders	Chronic lung disease/bronchopulmonary dysplasia
Other causes	Foreign body aspiration, mediastinal mass, or metabolic diseases

*Common.

PROGNOSIS



Asthma Predictive Index

• In past 12 months, [4 wheezing episodes (>24h), at least 1 is physician-confirmed, PLUS

- | 1 Major Criterion | OR | 2 Minor Criteria |
|--|----|---|
| • Parent with asthma | | • Wheezing apart from colds |
| • Atopic dermatitis | | • Eosinophilia (≥ 4%) |
| • Allergic sensitization to (≥ 1 aeroallergen) | | • Allergic sensitization to milk, egg, or peanuts |

*Include dust mite, cockroach, dog, cat, mold, grass, tree, and weed