

# Liquefied petroleum gas does not affect severe pneumonia risk in infants, finds study

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An intervention that replaces biomass fuel (e.g., wood, dung, or agricultural crop waste) with liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) for cooking does not affect the incidence of severe pneumonia among infants,

according to a study published in the Jan. 4 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Noting that household air pollution is a risk factor for severe pneumonia, Eric D. McCollum, M.D., M.P.H., from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, and colleagues conducted a [randomized controlled trial](#) involving [pregnant women](#) aged 18 to 34 years and between 9 and

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