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**H1N1 in Mexico and South America**  
**Onsite Observations and Impressions**

(A H1N1/swine/California/004/2009)

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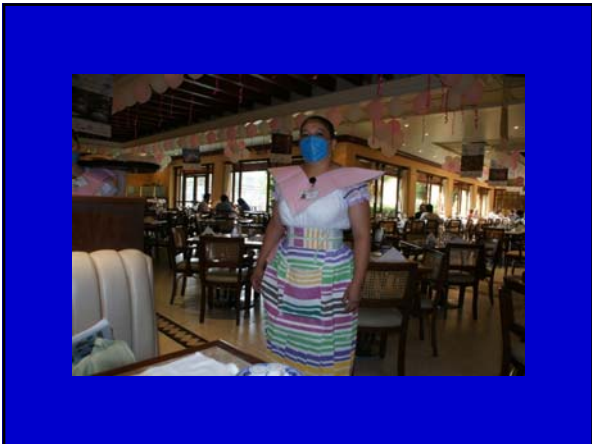
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**A Case in Oaxaca**

39 ♀  
 9 April – resp distress  
 CAP  
 10 – ARDS  
 12 – Call to fed health  
 coronavirus – ? SARS  
 13 – death- C-R failure  
 23 – confirmed H1N1  
 (swine)



March 5

- La Gloria – 4 cases ILI

March 4

- San Luis – 4 cases

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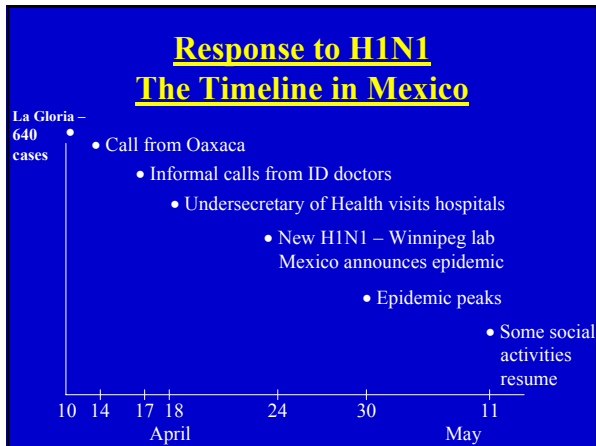
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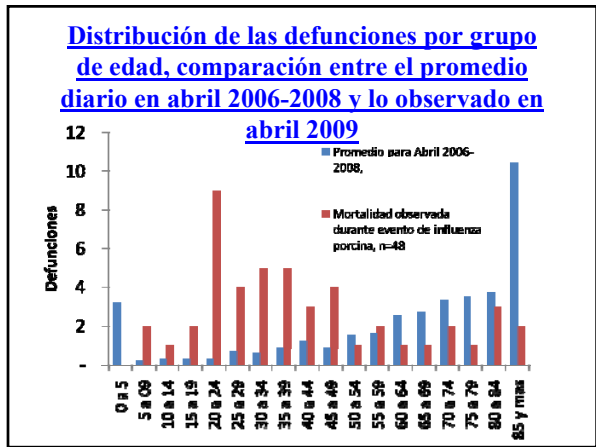
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### Respiratory Disease Institute – May 2009

Background flu season pneumonias  
20/week 2007-8/2008-9

At peak end of April: 120/week – six times background!

Prevalence at peak 20 patients – most on vent

Mean age 26

≥ 80% dyspnea, cough, malaise

12% diarrhea (6 x/d)

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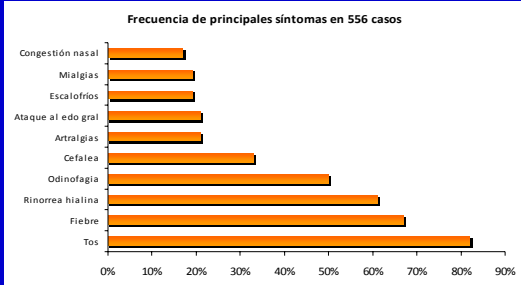
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**Eventos epidemiológicos relevantes en torno al brote de la Ciudad de México, caso Perote, Veracruz**




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**Fever and H1N1 in Mexico/Chile**

Almost all severe cases have fever at triage

One third of milder cases have no fever at triage

~ half of them do not have fever after admission

Chile:

~half of confirmed H1N1 in clinics have no fever

China – one third hospitalized had no fever

*NEJM 2009; 361:2507-17*




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**Implications of Absence of Fever and H1N1**

- Underestimate impact of epidemic
- Limit value of thermal scans
- Difficulty of control especially in children (shedding)
- Infection control must be assiduous

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## CASE 1

- **ID:** 22 yo male, Mexico City resident.
- **FH:** HTN and Diabetes
- **Social Hx:** no animal contact, Smoke (+), close contact with 5 persons
- **PMH:** obese




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## EVOLUTION

Emergency Room

April 14th

HR 113, RR 34, TA 130/80, T° 38.2 SaO2 86%.

Obese, increased work of breathing, hypoventilated RLb, with bilateral crackles, ΦMRG, rest wnl.

ABG	04/24
pH	7.4
pCO2	41.0
pO2	56
HCO3	22.0
SaO2	86%
Kirby	200

Laboratory Data

April 14th

CBC	04/24
WBC	1.8
PMN	79%
Lymph	12%
Mon	8.0%
Eos	0.3%
Bas	0.0
Bands	0.0
Hb	16.6
Hto	48.4
Platelet	80

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## RADIOLOGIC IMAGES



April 14th

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## EVOLUTION

ICU

April 15th – 24th

**RESPIRATORY:** volume control, PEEP 14, FiO2 100%, Intra 2000, PEEP 2000

**CARDIOVASCULAR:** supported

ID stable for 2 days

Blood cultures: (-)  
Sputum cultures: (-)  
Legionella/Pneum Ag (-)  
HIV negative

**Bronchoscopy:** mucosal edema.

April 18th:

Tx: oseltamivir.

PCR + Influenza

April 20th

CBC	14/04	15/04	24/05
WBC	1.8	5.7	5.3
PMN	79%	94.8	76.2
Lymp	12%	4.6	11.8
Mon	8.0%	0.6	10.5
Eos	0.3%	0.1	0.2
Bas	0.0	0.0	0.5
Bands	0.0	0.0	0.0
HB	16.6	13.7	12.8
Hto	48.4	40.5	36.7
Platelet	80	90	311

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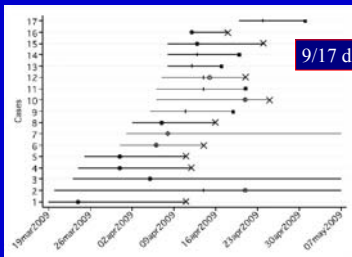
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### FIGURE 4. Clinical course of 17 patients.

Dates are depicted in the horizontal axis (from left to right), and described cases in the vertical axis. Deaths are identified with an "X", endotracheal intubation with an empty circle, hospital admission with a vertical line, and discharge from hospital with a full square. Two patients were still hospitalized (2,3 and7). Patients presented to hospital after varied delays (median 6 days). Fatalities were mostly intubated on arrival shown by the superposed empty circle and vertical line.



Perez-Padilla. *NEJM* 2009

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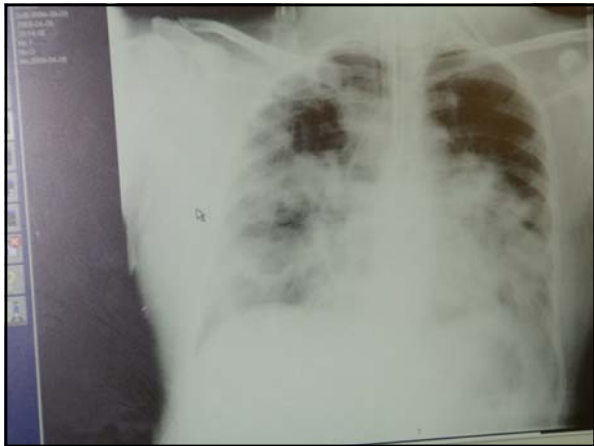
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**Pregnancy, Obesity are Risk Factors for Severity of H1N1**

Brazil – Pregnancy: number one cause for ICU admission – more than obesity  
Columbia – 1 of 7 deaths in pregnant women  
Chile – Equal to obesity as risk for ICU admission  
Argentina – one of 4 who died in Buenos Aires (n=85) was pregnant, just above obesity.  
U.S. – 13% deaths in pregnant women

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**H1N1 and Obese Patients in ICU- Michigan**

10 patients – median age 46  
All on ventilator; 2 ECMO  
None had bacterial infection  
9/10 – BMI> 30  
7/9 BMI>40  
5/10 – pulmonary emboli !  
9/10 MODS  
3 deaths

U.S. Study (n=272)  
45% obese/morbidly obese  
*NEJM* 2009; 361, in press

MMWR July 10, 2009

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**Ethnicity and H1N1 Risk**

U.S.: hispanics (30%) and blacks (19%) overrepresented in hospitalized cases  
*NEJM* 2009; 361:1935-44  
Aust/NZ: Indigenous in Australia (10%) and NZ (25%) overrepresented in ICU cases  
*NEJM* 2009; 361:1925-34  
Canada: aboriginals (26%) overrepresented in ICU cases  
*JAMA* 2009 Oct 12 epub  
Aboriginals: independently predicted severity  
*CMAJ* 2010. doi:10.1503/cmaj.091884

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## Organ Transplant Patients Have Severe Outcomes

Argentina - ID Physicians have consistent observations

Chile – 7 year old girl s/p liver transplant acquired H1N1 in hospital

Mexico – H1N1 on hands, hard surfaces, computer mouse

Macias et al JHI in press

Implications for Infection Control

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## Sequelae of H1N1

- Post infections fatigue/myopathy – 37%
- Need for Oxygen if O<sub>2</sub> in hospital – 30%
- Night sweats – weeks in some
- Late onset, reversible hair loss in some

Perez-Padilla Personal communication 07/2009

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## H1N1 ("Swine") Influenza What Was New

New virus – never seen before

New cohort at risk – young adults

New season – mid-spring

New continent – Northern hemisphere

New virulence – in Mexico ARDS/deaths



confirmed in Chile,  
Argentina

Young adults dying

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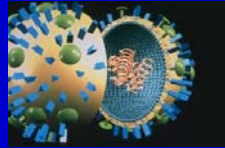
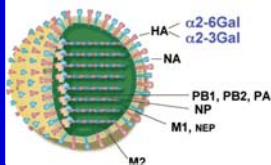
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## Two Strategies for Influenza

1. Accumulation of point mutations with no proofreading
2. Reassortment of 8 segments of RNA – "Viral Sex": exchange of genes of 2 viruses co-infecting a host (256 possible offspring)




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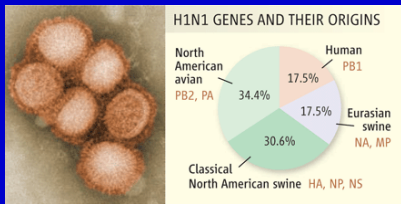
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*Science* 8 May 2009  
324 : 701

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## Reservoir for influenza is in migratory water fowl

Influenza Type	Human	Swine	Birds
H1	↑	↑	↑
H2	↑	↑	↑
H3	↑	↑	↑
H4	↑	↑	↑
H5	↑	↑	↑
H7	↑	↑	↑
H9	↑	↑	↑
H6, H8, H10-16			↑

**H1N1 in turkeys in Chile**

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## Diarrhea and H1N1

12% of cases in Mexico City  
10-20% of cases – Chile  
Virus found in stool in Mexico  
Implications: additional Infection control issue  
Is the GI tract the source of pro-inflammatory response?

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## Staph aureus Pneumonia - 1918

8100 c flu  
1409 pneumonia (17%)  
385 died (27%)

~half of deaths (153)  
with *S. aureus* cults  
92 of 153 (60%) *S. aureus* only

56% deaths by  
day 10, 72% by 15



Cherry red indigo blue  
cyanosis  
no chills, localized CP  
no signs consolidation  
fulminating septic course  
dirty salmon-pink sputum

Chickering & Park  
JAMA 1919;  
72:617-26

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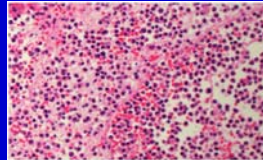
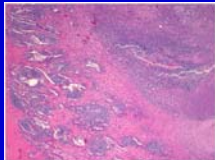
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## Co-Infection H1N1 and CA-MRSA



Histopathology of pandemic A (H1N1)/eMRSA co-infection

PLoS ONE 5(1): e705. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0008705

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**Controlling an Epidemic**  
**Mexico City**

- Social distancing
- Psychological support for HCWs/families
- Triage patient/with patients
- Reengineering of hospital
- Infection control

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**"Social Distancing"**

Close all:  
schools  
restaurants  
bars  
football (soccer) games  
malls  
theaters  
swimming pools  
No embraces, kissing, handshaking  
Open – grocery stores  
Suggest – "stay home"  
No ties in Mexico city  
wear masks in public  
No data for any aspect of social distancing

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**Managing Fear Among**  
**HCWs/families**

Anecdotes – ID personnel  
Consultations and fear more if not ID  
Converse with HCWs  
24/7 access to special care clinic  
24/7 hotline  
"We will take care of you"

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**Infection Control**

Handwashing, gloves, mask  
"Don't touch your face"  
Cohort nurses with specific patients during day  
Triage HCWs/patients  
Cohort patients with respiratory symptoms

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## Interrupting the Spread of Influenza: Meta-Analysis of 6 Case-Control Studies

Intervention	No studies	OR (CI <sub>95</sub> )	NNT
Handwashing $\geq 10$ x/day	6	0.45 (.36-.57)	4
Wearing masks	5	0.32 (.25-.40)	6
Wearing N-95 masks	2	0.09 (.03-.30)	3
Wearing gloves	4	0.43 (.29-.65)	5
Wearing gowns	4	0.23 (.14-.37)	5
HW/masks/gloves/gown	2	0.09 (.02-.35)	3

BMJ 2009; 339:63675 doi:10.1136/bmj b3675

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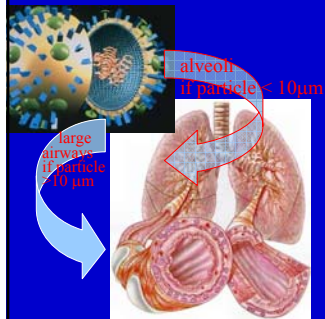
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## Influenza Pathogenesis



- Incubation 1-4 d
- 50% cases asymptomatic (still shedding)
- Adults – shed virus 3-5 d
- Young children shed virus to 3 weeks
- Immune compromised shed virus > 3 weeks

NEJM 1966; 274:527-35  
JID 1979; 140:610-3  
Ped Inf Dis 1999; 18:811-5

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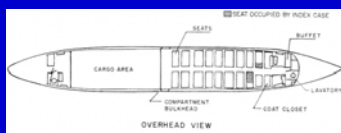
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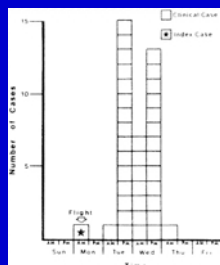
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## Evidence for Airborne Transmission of Influenza H3N2



Boeing 737



Am J Epidemiol 1979; 110:1-6

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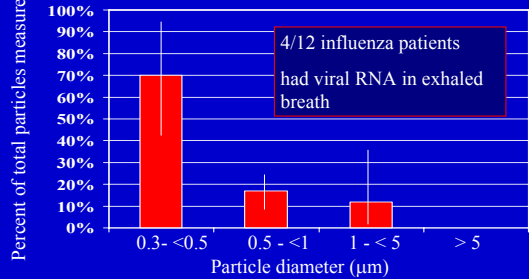
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## Particle Size During Tidal Breathing in Patients with Influenza



Fabian et al *PLoS One*. 2008; 3:e2691

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## Is It Possible to Control Influenza?

- Large droplets
- Droplet nuclei
- Environmental contamination
- Shedding in adults/children
- Mild cases without fever
- Virus in stool

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## N-95 vs Surgical Masks for Influenza Control

For HCWs



- Influenza virus .08-.12 microns
- N-95 testing - .3 micron particles
- Experimental model (N-95) using bacteriophage .02 microns -95 to 96% effective
- Surgical masks - 15%-80%

*AJIC* 2006; 34:51-7

For patients



9 patients with influenza  
Neg PCR - 20 cm from coughing X 5  
*CID* 2009; 49:215-7

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## Antiviral Treatment of Influenza – H1N1



Dosage in adults  
Approved: 75 mg bid x 5  
Consider 150 mg bid x 10

9 cases of  
Resistance – U.S.  
MMWR 9/11/09



2 inhalations of 5 mg each bid x 5  
Diskhalar inhalation device

Most strains are highly resistant to M2 inhibitors –  
amantadine and rimantadine

Under study: peramivir, ribavirin, interferon alpha

NEJM 2005; 353:1374-85

AAC 2001; 45:2723-32

JID 2005; 192:665-72

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## Neuraminidase Inhibitors: Updated Cochrane Systematic Review – Meta-analysis

Prophylaxis against influenza

Zanamivir reduced symptomatic, lab confirmed flu (0.38; 0.17-.85)

Oseltamivir similar (0.39; .18-.85)

\*Neither drug protected against asymptomatic illness

Post-exposure prophylaxis (households)

2 trials – Zanamivir: 0.19 and 0.2

2 trials – Oseltamivir: 0.16 and 0.42

Treatment – 8 trials Zanamivir and 5 Oseltamivir

reduce symptoms (mild illness) 1 day

BMJ 2009; 339:65106 doi:10.1136/bmj.65106

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## Key Points: NIs

1. NIs reduce symptoms modestly by ~ 1 day
2. No data that the benefits are same for ill, hospitalized
3. NIs do not prevent infection or stop nasal viral excretion:  
suboptimal for interrupting a pandemic.
4. Authors Jefferson et al do not recommend for routine control of seasonal influenza.

BMJ 2009; 339:65106 doi:10.1136/bmj.65106

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## Models of 2009 H1N1 Suggest Value of Early Treatment with NIs

ARDS and H1N1:

older age, high APACHE II and SOFA scores, and delay of initiation of oseltamivir linked to mortality

*Ann Fr Anesth Reanim* 2010, Jan 28, epub

Hospitalized patients with pneumonia (Taiwan)

Development of respiratory failure linked to SOFA  $\geq 4$  on admission, lymphocyte count  $\leq 800$  c/mmL and duration of symptoms to initiation of oseltamivir  $\geq 48$  h

*J Infect* 2009 (Dec 29) epub

Predicting admission to ICU among pregnant patients

$> 2$  days after symptoms to initiate of antivirals (RR4.3)

*NEJM* 2010; 362:27-35

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## Unanswered Questions

- ❖ Any role for anti-inflammatory agents eg human activated protein C?
- ❖ If huge pro-inflammatory response, role for exchange transfusion? IVIG? Mesalazine?
- ❖ Will virulence change?
- ❖ Added value with intravenous Zanamivir or Peramivir?
- ❖ Will H1N1 recur as a 'seasonal' virus?

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## Unanswered Questions

Steroids – when/dose/may  $\uparrow$  shedding of virus

Value of aerosolized NIs – may plug tubing!

no data. Can obstruct filter!

have tried in severe cases

plus oral oseltamavir

Value of ECMO?

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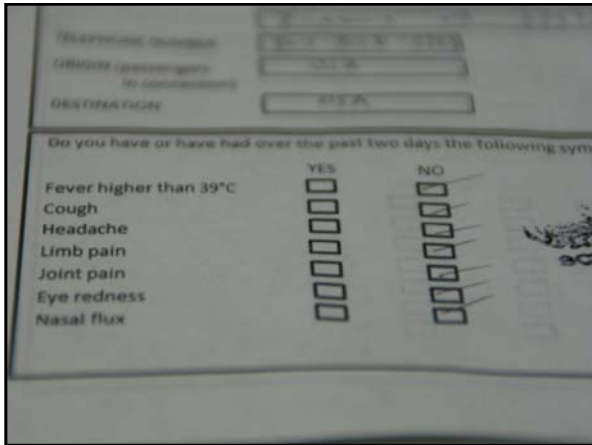
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**Future Issues**

- ❖ Failure to admit patients to ICU initially
- ❖ Complacency!
- ❖ Communication
  - Credible, factual, clear
  - Do not overpromise
- ❖ Rapid availability of cell-based vaccines
- ❖ Response implications for bioterror

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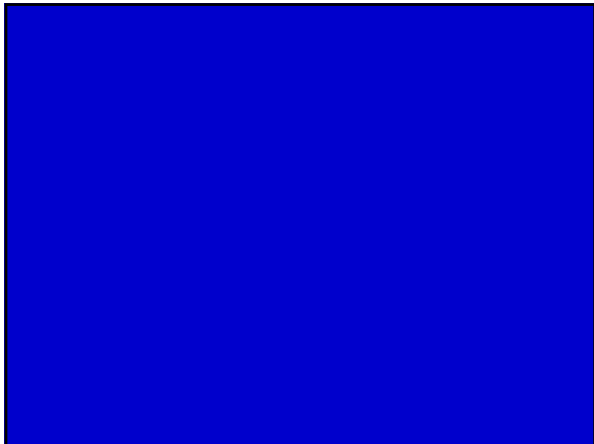
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## Pandemics in Perspective

<u>Case Mortality-Estimates</u>		<u>Deaths in terms of current population in the US</u>
1918-19 "Spanish"	2.5%	900,000
1957 "Asian"	0.2 -0.5%	} 180,000
1968 "Hong Kong"	0.2-0.5%	
Annual influenza epidemics	0.1%	36,000

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## WHO Declares H1N1 a "Pandemic 6"

Pandemic: sustained spread in different continents?

Q: What is different?

Seasonal flu kills 500,000 and no pandemic 6 level

Suggest: stratify levels by surge capacity needed for resources, communication and cooperation

Thus, key elements are transmissibility and severity

RP Wenzel – Huffington blog 16 June 2009

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## Droplets and Droplet Nuclei in Influenza: Volunteer Studies



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| <p>&gt; 10 <math>\mu\text{m}</math></p>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• droplet administration</li> <li>⇒ Milder disease in volunteers, required larger inoculum</li> </ul> |
| <p>&lt; 10 <math>\mu\text{m}</math><br/>Droplet nuclei</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• more likely to cause infection of lower respiratory tract</li> </ul>                                |

*J Immunol* 1945; 52:145-65  
*Proc Soc Exp Biol Med* 1966; 122:800-4  
*Soc App Bact Symp Ser* 1974; 3:135-54

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### CASE 1

- **ID:** 22 yo male, Mexico City resident.
- **FH:** HTN and Diabetes
- **Social Hx:** no animal contact, Smoke (+), close contact with 5 persons
- **PMH:** Obese

**CC:** "Fever and cough".  
**History of present illness:** onset of fever (39.0°C), CHILLS, malaise & fatigue and productive COUGH on April 9th. The patient was seen on an OSH and was treated with penicillin and pain medication. During his follow-up he presented with DYSYPNEA and PLEURITIC CHEST PAIN; he was further treated with IM ceftriaxone.

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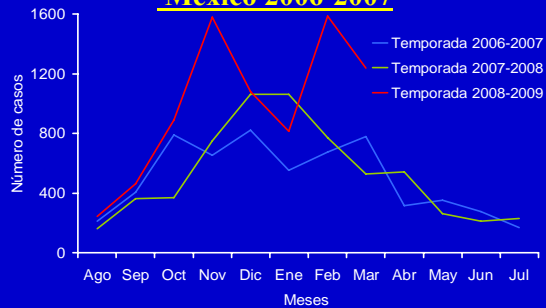
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### Casos de influenza estacional por temporada México 2006-2007




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## Avian Influenza A (H5N1): 10 Confirmed Cases in Vietnam

- Mean age: 13.7 years (5-24 years)
- 9 of 10 had direct contact with poultry (mean 3 days before)
- All had fever (38.5-40°C), shortness of breath, cough
- 7 of 10 had diarrhea - + virus
- Respiration: 55 breaths/min (20-70)
- All had rales

**Mean laboratory values:**

Total leukocyte count 2100 mm <sup>3</sup>	Hemoglobin 12.5 g/dL	Platelet count 75,500 mm <sup>3</sup>
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8 of 10 (80%) died

Tran TH, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2004;350:1179-1188.

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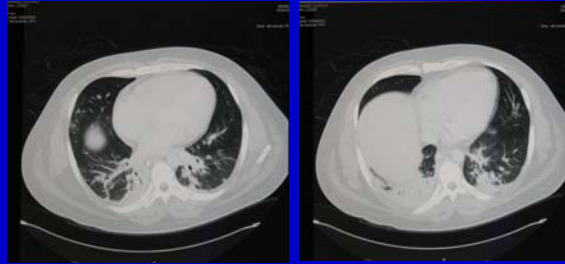
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### Creation of Pandemic Influenza: Two Tales

<p>1957 (Asian) H2N2</p> 	<p>and</p> <p>1968 (Hong Kong) H3N2</p> <p>coinfection with avian and human flu and reassortment of 2-3 avian gene segments (H1N, PB1)</p> <p><i>J Virol</i> 1989; 63:6403-8 <i>Virology</i> 1978; 87:13-20</p> 	<p>Swine H1N1</p>
<p>1918 ("Spanish") H5N1 in Vietnam</p> 	 <p>direct bird to man and adaptation by avian strain</p>	

*Nature* 2005; 437-889-93

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### Coinfection with RSV May Be Risk for Severity in Children

Not unusual to see coinfections with seasonal flu

ID Physicians in Argentina think coinfections overrepresented in severe cases (July 09 – “Winter”)

Implications for Infection Control

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## Triage at Entrance - Outside

At peak – 1500 patients/day  
20% arrive by bus  
Elicit symptoms  
Lung exam  
If no flu-like illness and non-essential – go home  
If flu-like – cohort after alcohol hw/mask  
If no flu-like illness – separate room

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## Children (< 18 years) with H1N1- U.S.

- 36 (7.5%) 977 deaths in U.S.
- 7/36 (19%) < age 5
  - 24/36 (67%) – hi risk
  - 22/24 (92%) – neuro developmental disease
  - 10/23 (43%) – bacterial coinfection

MMWR, Sept 4, 2009

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