

Influenza A H1N1(Swine Flu) And Vaccine Dangers

FAQ

How Dangerous is the Influenza A H1N1(Swine flu) virus?

- *Cases of H1N1 flu are relatively mild, and similar to seasonal flu. Hospitalizations and deaths have been of persons that also had underlying conditions or a weakened immune system. Statistically, on an annual basis from known data, seasonal flu would be responsible for as many or more deaths and hospitalizations than H1N1 flu.*

How severe is the 2009 H1N1 flu pandemic outbreak?

- *It is extremely difficult to determine the degree at which H1N1 is spreading, due to the complications in identifying it. Very few cases are actually confirmed via laboratories, and most cases reported are simply based on the flu-like symptoms.*

Why did the WHO (World Health Organization) declare a level 6 pandemic for H1N1?

- *To implore nations on reacting to the H1N1 situation, WHO modified the definition of 'pandemic' to include milder diseases. WHO's reasoning for this change and declaring a high level pandemic is largely unclear and admittedly unjustified when taking into account available reliable data on the situation.*
- *Vaccines are part of a billion-dollar industry, and many agencies and organizations crucial to health policies, such as the WHO, bear a conflict of interest in accordance to this, as some of their members are directly, or indirectly, paid by one or more of the leading pharmaceutical corporations — It is to their benefit that a situation bring about demand for vaccines. As examples:*
 - *Experts like Wayne L. Pines, involved with various pharmaceutical groups and consulting agencies, have also been part of health organizations dictating health activities, policies and procedures, including the FDA(Food and Drug Administration).*
 - *Professor Sir Roy Anderson, in the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies of UK government, holds a £116,000-a-year post on the board of GlaxoSmithKline, one of the leading companies selling swine flu vaccines and antivirals to many countries.*
 - *Organizations like The Institute for Vaccine Safety, intended to provide forums on vaccine safety, are also in good part funded by vaccine corporations.*

How is Canada and the U.S. reacting to H1N1 flu?

- *Both Canada and the U.S. are largely basing their H1N1 policies and plans on the information and guidelines they receive from the WHO and similar organizations. Mass vaccination campaigns are included in these plans.*

Is the H1N1 vaccine effective?

- *It is difficult to confirm the success of vaccines in preventing disease. It should also be noted that various medical literature documents and studies show significant numbers of failures with many vaccines, including flu vaccines, and especially ones for measles, mumps, small pox, pertussis, polio and Hib-causing bacterial meningitis and pneumonia.*
- *Due to the rapid mutation of certain viruses, such as in the case of the H1N1 virus, it is highly possible that the H1N1 vaccine, having been made from an older version of the virus, will be ineffective against the mutated virus by the time it's ready for use.*
- *The internationally renowned Cochrane Collaboration reviewed over 140 studies on influenza vaccination, and concluded there is little scientific proof that influenza vaccine is effective at preventing influenza in children and adults. They also found that published industry-sponsored studies were often methodologically flawed.*

Is the H1N1 vaccine safe?

- *With the sense of urgency presented by the WHO and other organizations, H1N1 vaccines have been fast-tracked to production and no adequate, long-term, safety trial studies are being conducted to assure that vaccines are sufficiently safe. The true safety of H1N1 vaccines is uncertain.*
- *It should be noted that many vaccines have in the past brought upon serious health problems, including the “Swine Flu” vaccine of 1976, which led to deaths and cases of paralyzing neuromuscular disorders.*
- *A leaked letter by the Health Protection Agency, sent to about 600 neurologists on July 29 of 2009, warns that the new “Swine Flu” vaccine could cause the brain disorder called Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS).*

Will H1N1 vaccines contain dangerous substances?

- *Vaccine manufacturers have not disclosed their list of ingredients for the H1N1 vaccine; however, health authorities have decided on the use of vaccines containing adjuvants, composed of dangerous substances such as Mercury (as Thimerosal), Squalene (as MF-59 or AS03), and Aluminum compounds, to increase the immune response from a single shot, as well as for preservation.*
- *Inoculation of Thimerosal and Squalene compounds have been linked to cases of irreparable damage and disease. As examples:*
 - *A 2000 study described in The American Journal of Pathology found that a single injection of squalene into rats triggered chronic immune-mediated inflammations. In addition, More than two dozen peer-reviewed scientific papers document that squalene-based adjuvants can induce autoimmune diseases in animals.*
 - *Some studies have shown that Thimerosal may cause neurological damage, however others have shown that no such link exists. Epidemiologist Tom Verstraeten and Dr. Richard Johnston from the University of Colorado, along with many others, concluded that Thimerosal was responsible for the dramatic rise in cases of autism in the population, but their findings were dismissed by the CDC. Suspicious dealings among agencies and industries have been reported on this issue.*

How much coverage is there on the potential dangers of vaccines?

- *Very little coverage, by media corporations, can be found on dangers associated to vaccines or, in fact, anything regarding incidents, studies, and reports that would seemingly discredit, or financially harm, leading pharmaceutical companies. What little reporting exists is rarely reiterated or given sufficient attention. As examples:*
 - *Thousands of adverse reactions to vaccines continually get reported into the FDA Vaccine Adverse Event Report System (VAERS), but are, for the most part, ignored.*
 - *In early 2009, Baxter International, one of the leading vaccine manufacturers, contaminated large amounts of seasonal flu vaccine material with lethal H5N1 bird flu live virus. A laboratory in the Czech Republic luckily discovered this issue before its preparation for use. This was given little coverage by corporate media.*
 - *Bayer International, the fourth biggest pharmaceutical corporation in the world, has, in the past, knowingly sold HIV-infected products, leading to tens of thousands of people getting infected with the AIDS virus. This horrendous incident was also covered very little, and their public image was not drastically affected by it.*

What methods can be used for protection against H1N1 flu?

- *Maintaining health with good nutrition, sleep and exercise, for a strong natural immunity.*
- *Taking vitamin D during flu season (When levels produced by the human body typically get lower).*
- *Eating less refined sugar, as it slows the immune system.*
- *Good hygiene.*
- *Washing/Disinfecting hands appropriately, and avoiding contact with infected persons.*

Final note: Taking the H1N1 vaccine is a significant decision that requires critical thinking. Getting informed on the different aspects of the issue is important. Many Experts and Health workers have decided not to take the vaccine.

Due to the lack of proper coverage on vaccine dangers, it is imperative to share and distribute this information, so that everyone may come closer to undertaking informed decisions on the matter.

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