
The request for advice

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On 8 May, 17 August and 17 September, you presented me with advisory reports concerning vaccination against New Influenza A (H1N1).

In the light of recent developments, and in line with my e-mail request of 15 October concerning this matter, I would like to request your advice on the following issues:

General

Since your advisory report of 17 September, has any new information become available in the following areas:

- your assessment of the current epidemiological situation; and your expectations concerning the possibility of adverse changes in the virus;
- your assessment of the chances that the virus will develop resistance to antiviral drugs.

Specific

Since your advisory report of 17 September, has any new information become available with regard to:

- the possible expansion of the current medical high-risk groups to include certain age-groups such as young people. An important point here is that any such expansion must be feasible, given the amount of vaccine available (see Annex 1) and the fact that we have passed the point of no return with regard to the initial vaccination for those in the current high-risk groups;
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- the number of doses needed for full protection; reports have reached me that an application has been submitted for marketing authorisation for a single-dose vaccination;
- the risk to healthy pregnant women and the implications for vaccinating this group.

I look forward to receiving your written advice no later than Monday 9 November 2009.

The Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport,
(signed)



Annex 1 Delivery schedule pandemic vaccines

Our reference
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Date	GSK		Novartis		
	number of doses	cumulative	number of doses	cumulative	
Monday 19-10-2009			4.141.420	4.141.420	
Friday 23-10-2009	757.000				
Monday 26-10-2009			2.791.000	6.932.420	
Friday 30-10-2009	360.000	1.117.000			
Friday 6-11-2009	234.000	1.351.000			
Thursday 12-11-2009					
Friday 13-11-2009	332.000	1.683.000			
Friday 20-11-2009	541.000	2.224.000			
Thursday 26-11-2009			3.000.000	9.932.420	
Friday 27-11-2009	541.000	2.765.000			
Thursday 31-12-2009			2.900.000	12.832.420	
Friday 1-01-2010	3.244.000	6.009.000			
Sunday 31-01-2010			8.400.000	21.232.420	
Friday 5-02-2010	3.017.000	9.026.000			
Sunday 28-02-2010			1.800.000	23.032.420	
Wednesday 31-03-2010			900.000	23.932.420	
Total supplied	9.026.000		23.932.420		