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New influenza drug is effective, assures doctor

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The new trivalent influenza drug in the market is effective against Influenza A (H1N1), the Malaysian Society of Infectious Disease and Chemotherapy (MSIDC) said.

Available since March, the drug can fight against H1N1, H3N1 and Influenza B strains. The fight against H1N1 is now included in the seasonal influenza vaccination.

"Those especially in the high-risk group are encouraged to get the vaccination," MSIDC member Christopher Lee said, adding that high risk individuals included those with underlying medical conditions as well as pregnant women, those above 65 years old and children above six months old.

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cough, fever and sore throat and not many suffered from diarrhoea. Asked to comment about the possibility that people might have a fever after getting the jab, Dr Lee said

tered with anti-viral medication. Health director-general Tan Sri Dr Ismail Merican said the cases were reported at SK Kemendor in Jasin, Malacca, involving six neonates, SM

Get vaccinated, Malaysians urged

**KUALA LUMPUR:** With the influenza A (H1N1) pandemic going into its second year, Malaysians are advised to get the three-in-one vaccine dose now available in public and private hospitals and clinics nationwide.

The advice comes as doctors in hospitals see not only people in the high risk group being affected by the H1N1 virus but also children, the elderly and healthy people.

Sungai Buloh Hospital's infectious diseases department head Dr Christopher Lee said it was advisable that everyone aged six months and above get the vaccine dose.

He said the influenza vaccine for the Southern Hemisphere 2010, out in the market last month, protected people from influenza A H1N1 virus, influenza A virus subtype H3N2 and 1 subtype of influenza B virus.

"The vaccine dose will protect against the current strain of the pandemic virus and the seasonal flu virus," he said at the annual influenza vaccination with new Southern Hemisphere formulation yesterday.

The new influenza vaccine was recommended by the World Health Organisation.



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It contains the pandemic H1N1 virus instead of the previous seasonal H1N1 strain, signalling that the pandemic strain is expected to push the older H1N1 strain aside. WHO annually recommends one H1N1, one H3N2 and one B strain for use in seasonal flu vaccines, trying to match the current circulating strains.

Dr Lee said the decision to add the new pandemic H1N1 strain was made as it was the predominant flu strain in much of the world by July, last year.

According to WHO, seasonal influenza kills up to 500,000 people every year. This estimate includes both countries which experience seasonal and tropical climates.

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