

Pandemic influenza teaching available for general practice

The Immunisation Advisory Centre, based in the Department of General Practice and Primary Health Care, University of Auckland is currently contracted by the Ministry of Health to produce two teaching tools for pandemic influenza.

- A web based on-line training course freely and openly accessible to all, targeted particularly at GPs and practice nurses.
- A PowerPoint presentation as a resource for anyone involved in teaching at the primary health care level. The teaching will cover influenza viruses; seasonal, avian, and pandemic influenza; the disease; NZ pandemic planning; primary health care preparedness; community preparedness; key communication messages; anti-virals; and vaccines. Lots of extra resources and links will also be available. For those GPs who

have yet to develop and instigate a practice preparedness plan, the on-line training course will be a useful resource. You can even do it in your PJs at home as it requires Internet access only. Accredited for RNZCGP CME points.

These teaching tools will be available from February 2006 from a range of sources:

- the imac website:
www.immune.org.nz, <<http://www.immune.org.nz>>
- the NISG (National Influenza Strategy Group) website:
www.influenza.org.nz

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