

Policy and guidelines

RECOMMENDED COMPOSITION OF THE AUSTRALIAN INFLUENZA VACCINE FOR THE 2015 SEASON

On 25 September 2014, the World Health Organization recommended that vaccines for the 2015 Southern Hemisphere influenza season contain the following:

A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)pdm09 - like virus

A/Switzerland/9715293/2013 (H3N2) - like virus

B: a B/Phuket/3073/2013 – like virus (Yamagata lineage)

The WHO also recommended that quadrivalent vaccines, which include 2 influenza B viruses, contain the above 3 viruses and a B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus (Victoria lineage).

The Australian Influenza Vaccine Committee met on 9 October 2014, and recommended that the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) adopt the WHO recommendations.

For further information please see the TGA web site (<http://www.tga.gov.au/about/committees-aivc-2015-recommendations.htm>) and the WHO web site (<http://www.who.int/influenza/vaccines/virus/recommendations/consultation201409/en/>).