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Subject: Information provided to Patients about the AH1N1 Vaccination

The Malta Medical Council has received information that some medical practitioners are giving their patients advice not to receive the AH1N1 vaccination. Doctors are reminded that advice should be based on sound evidence-based information. Unless the vaccine is medically contraindicated, not receiving the vaccine can lead to potentially hazardous effects both for the individual patient's health and for public health protection.

The Medical Council, has as one of its main objectives, the responsibility to promote the correct practice of medicine in Malta to safeguard patients' interest. It therefore strongly recommends that medical practitioners give advice based on evidence obtained from official sources of authority and steer away from giving advice relying on misinformation from dubious sources.



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