

How Swine Flu Helped Us Learn

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Swine flu seems to be the most prominent health threat for CF patients if you look at the patient fora and chat rooms. It is surprising that there is so much confusion despite the fact that most patient organisations have responded to the needs quite quickly and have put helpful information on their respective websites.

During our Quality Round Table in Prague last month we realised that especially some of the answers given in the context of the swine flu pandemic were no longer correct. The example discussed was a question-answer pair from very early on. Of course it was easy to change this answer according to the new-

est data. Since the half-life of the answers is extremely variable - some being outdated after a few weeks, some remaining up-to-date for months or years -

some information will still be current in a year, other information may already be out of date in three months time. If you are in any doubt, please feel free to ask."

For all of you this means:

if you come across an answer that seems outdated, please give us this information and we will try to update.



we have decided not to withdraw the answers after a given time window.

But we have learned from the mistake: we have decided to add yet another disclaimer appearing at the top of every question-answer pair: "Please note: While

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