### H1N1 and Zika Viruses, Critical Issues In The Paediatric Population Dr. Windsor Frederick

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### Introduction

### H1N1!!!! ZIKA VIRUS!!!!

- H1N1- Component of seasonal influenza
  Zika- Rapidly approaching!
- Unique clinical issues that arise in children

# Objectives – H1N1

- Clinical presentation
- Risk factors
- Complications
- Differential Diagnosis
- Management
- Vaccination

# Objectives- Zika

- Clinical presentation
- Risk factors
- Complications
- Management

### H1N1 - Clinical Presentation

#### Older children-Similar spectrum of illness as adults

# H1N1 Clinical Presentation

- High fever
- Chills
- Myalgia
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Sore throat/pharyngitis
- Nasal congestion
- Rhinitis
- Nonproductive cough
- Cervical lymphadenopathy
- Conjunctivitis

# H1N1 Clinical Presentation

- Younger children:
  - A greater incidence of GI symptoms
  - More non-specific presentations
  - More at risk of developing severe illness and complications

### H1N1- Non-specific Presentations in Younger Children

- Viral upper and lower respiratory tract infections
- Pneumonia
- Bronchiolitis
- Croup
- Septicaemia
- "Septicaemia"

### H1N1 – Patients At Rick For Complications

- > Age : <5years , especially <2years
- Co-morbidities

### H1N1 Patients At Rick For Complications

- Asthma,
- Neurological or neurodevelopmental conditions
- Chronic lung disease
- Congenital heart disease
- Blood disorders
- Diabetes mellitus
- Immune Deficiency
- Patients on long-term aspirin therapy
- Kidney disorders
- Liver disorders
- Metabolic disorders

# H1N1 Complications

- Viral pneumonia
- Secondary bacterial pneumonia
- Otitis media
- Sinusitis
- Croup
- Bronchiolitis
- Dehydration
- Exacerbation of chronic medical conditions
- Myositis
- Myocarditis
- Guillain-Barré syndrome
- Reye syndrome

# Management H1N1

- Supportive care
- Cough and cold medications not recommended for younger children
- Special attention to oral intake and hydration status
- Antiviral therapy for selected patients

# Management H1N1-Antiviral Medication

# Hospitalized childrenRisk factors

# Medications

#### • Oseltamivir:

- Approved for treatment of influenza A or B in children aged 2 weeks or older
- Approved for use in children older than 1 year, for prevention of influenza following exposure.

#### Zanamivir :

- Approved for the treatment of uncomplicated acute influenza A or B in persons aged 7 years and older
- Approved for prophylaxis of influenza in adults and pediatric patients aged 5 years and older.

### Medication

- Evidence is equivocal on the effectiveness of antiviral medications in preventing serious complications in children
- A higher incidence of side effects in children

### H1N1 Prevention

- Seasonal influenza vaccination
- Parental education
- Hygiene
- young children may be infectious for >5-7 days

### H1N1 Vaccination CDC

- Yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months and older.
- Children aged 6 months through 8 years may require 2 doses ≥4 weeks apart
- Age 6months to 2 years IIV
- Age > 2 years LAIV or IIV

# H1N1 UK

- Yearly flu vaccine for children aged 6 months to 4 years.
- All children in school years 1 and 2
- Older children with risk factors

### Zika Virus- Clinical Presentation

- Fever
- skin rashes
- Conjunctivitis
- muscle and joint pain
- malaise
- headache

# Zika Virus- Challenges

- Non-specific presentations in younger children and infants
- Distinguishing between Zika and dengue fever
- Reports of possible congenital abnormalities due to vertical transmission

# Zika Virus - Complications

- Possible association with Guillain-Barre syndrome
- Other neurological complications-meningitis, meningoencephalitis, myelitis

### Zika Virus- Management Considerations

- Supportive care
- Rule out other serious conditions
- Attention to oral intake and hydration status
- Thorough evaluation and follow up of patients with the possible effects of vertical transmission.

### Questions?

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# Summary

- H1N1-? Here to stay
- Children < 5 are at risk of serious illness</p>
- Assessment, diagnosis and management may be more complicated in the paediatric patient.
- Influenza vaccination policy development

# Summary

- Zika-Coming soon
- Assessment, diagnosis and management are challenging in the presence of circulating dengue and Chikungunya viruses
- Neurological complications
- Possible association with congenital abnormalities

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