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Homeopaths Offer Hope for Avian Influenza

Richfield, MN – January 25, 2006. In these times of turmoil, when the avian flu pandemic is brewing in the East and conventional medical treatments are ineffective, homeopathic practitioners around the state are not concerned. Homeopathy has been extremely effective in numerous epidemics in the past, and Minnesota homeopaths are ready to rise to the challenge again.

Homeopaths boast mortality rates in the past epidemics which are but a fraction of those reported by the conventional doctors of the time. During the influenza pandemic of 1918 many conventional doctors were reporting 30 to 60% mortality in their flu cases, while numerous homeopathic physicians claimed less than 1% mortality.

According to Jacob Mirman, MD, a founding member and registrar of Minnesota Homeopathic Association, Homeopathy must be investigated for possible inclusion in Minnesota pandemic planning. Dr. Mirman has created a new web site www.HomeopathyForInfluenza, where the data is presented. Historical materials from the 1918 epidemic prove his point regarding effectiveness of Homeopathy in epidemic diseases. Double blind placebo controlled studies of homeopathic preparations found on the site silence the detractors.

According to Sally Tamplin, the executive director of MHA, Homeopathic remedies are cheap, easily available and fully researched, so should the epidemic arrive now, the local homeopaths are ready to treat the thousands that would get sick. The medications are FDA approved, so there should be no problem with their use in Minnesota's hospitals and clinics under the supervision of properly trained physicians. The only obstacle to full implementation of this system is the reluctance of conventional healthcare providers to embrace this approach due to old misperceptions and lack of education.

MHA is in the process of discussions with public health officials and legislators regarding setting up a system for homeopathic education of first responders to the possible flu epidemic.

Reporters, doctors and public health officials are invited to meet with the Minnesota Homeopathic Association officers to examine the available data and develop a first response plan for the coming influenza pandemic.

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