

Composition of Australian Influenza Vaccine for the 2005 season

The Australian Influenza Vaccine Committee on Influenza Vaccines met on 5 October 2004 and agreed to adopt the September World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations.

The Committee decided that the influenza vaccine components for the 2005 Southern Hemisphere Season should contain the following.

A H1N1 strain:	an A/New Caledonia/20/99(H1N1)-like strain A/New Caledonia/20/99 (IVR-116) is also recommended as a suitable vaccine strain.	15 µg HA per dose
A H3N2 strain:	an A/Wellington/1/2004 (H3N2)-like strain A/Wellington/1/2004 (IVR-139) is also recommended as suitable vaccine strain.	15 µg HA per dose
B Strain:	a B/Shanghai/361/2002-like strain B/Jiangsu/10/2003 is also recommended as a suitable vaccine strain.	15 µg HA per dose