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Incidence of influenza A H1N1 2009 infection in Eastern Saudi Arabian hospitals

To the Editor

I read with interest the paper by Herzallah et al on the first influenza pandemic of the 21st century.¹ In agreement with previously published studies in Saudi Arabia,^{2,3} and worldwide,^{4,5} Al Hajjar and McIntosh⁶ addressed the usual age distribution of influenza A H1N1 infection. Infection was prevailing in children and young adults. The scarcity of reported infection in the elderly might reflect their protection owing to exposure to H1N1 strains before 1957.¹ This peculiar age distribution might have implications in implementing suitable management plans and public health interventions.

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