



HPA and NHS London Algorithm

For cases presenting in Primary Care			
1	Does the patient have a history of fever (>38) in the last 7 days?	YES	Go to line 2
		NO	No FLU intervention
2	Does the patient have two or more flu symptoms?	YES	Go to line 3
		NO	No FLU intervention
3	Is the patient a household contact of a laboratory confirmed case?	YES	Treat as a presumed case – Go to BOX A
		NO	Go to line 4
4	Does the patient live in London?	YES	Treat as a suspected case – Go to BOX B
BOX A Management of presumed/laboratory confirmed case <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescribe treatment with course of antivirals, supplied using locally agreed mechanisms • Notify Flu Response Centre (by fax or email) for tracing of contacts • For high risk patients (eg pregnant women or immuno-compromised), clinicians are still able to obtain advice from the London Flu Response Centre 			
London Flu Response Centre Fax Number: 020 7959 2370 (secure fax) Please include patient full name, DOB, full postal address and postcode and contact telephone number for both patient and GP practice.			
BOX B Management of suspected case <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take swab and send to local laboratory • Prescribe treatment with course of antivirals, supplied using locally agreed mechanisms • If test is positive for swine flu go to box A • If swab negative consider stopping treatment 			