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URGENT COMMUNICATION

HSS(MD)16/2009 (ADDENDUM)

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Director of Nursing, Public Health Agency
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Director of Primary Care, HSC Board (*for cascade to Out of Hours centres*)
GP Medical Advisers, HSC Board
Medical Directors, HSC Trusts (*for onward distribution to, A& E doctors, ID Physicians, Microbiologists, Virologists*).
Medical Director, NI Ambulance Service
Nursing Directors, HSC Trusts
All General Practitioners (*for onward distribution to practice staff including practice nurses*)
All Community Pharmacists
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Dear Colleague

ADDENDUM: SWINE FLU - MEXICO AND USA

This urgent communication HSS(MD)16/2009 was originally issued on 25 April 2009 and is available on the Department's website.

The Health Protection Agency (HPA) has produced a WHO Pandemic Alert Phase 3 Algorithm for the management of returning travellers and visitors from countries affected by swine influenza A/H1N1 presenting with febrile respiratory illness: recognition, investigation and initial management. This is available on the HPA website - www.hpa.org.uk. A copy is attached.

This algorithm is being regularly updated by HPA and practitioners are advised to check the HPA website regularly to see if there has been any update.

