



## Pandemic flue

## Preparedness planning in Denmark

## Organisation

- DK has established a working group dealing with pandemic flue, the so-called "Pandemic Group"
- The group consists of various members (the police, the serum institute, the counties etc.)
- The national board of health is the chairman of the group

## Draft preparedness plan for pandemic flue I

- Draft preparedness plan for pandemic flue published in 2003
- The plan contains recommendations on planning for a situation with pandemic flue within the health sector

## Risk assessment

- Assessment of the pandemic group:
  - Most probable that a possible future pandemic virus will be a flue virus (H1-3 and N1-3)
    - However, other viruses cannot be rejected
  - A mild pandemic as in 1957 and 1968 is most probable
    - However, a more serious pandemic as in 1918 cannot be precluded

## Draft preparedness plan for pandemic flue II

- Elements to be assessed according to the draft plan:
  - Stores of antiviral means?
  - What antiviral means are effective in terms of prevention and treatment?
  - Need for store of antibiotics?
  - Production of flue vaccine?

## Provisional recommendations

- In the autumn of 2005, the National Board of Health will publish a revised pandemic plan.
  
- The provisional recommendations are:
  - Ensure a vaccine guarantee
  - Ensure means to buy vaccines if the whole Danish population is to be vaccinated in case of a pandemic
  - Gradual construction of a store of antiviral means, including Tamiflu to cover 6 % of the population and Amantadin to preventional treatment of 150.000 people
  - The development a vaccine awaits report from a working group under the Nordic Council of Ministers