

Influenza Strains in the 2015-2016 Vaccines

The World Health Organization has made their recommendations for the composition of the 2015-2016 influenza vaccine (shown below). These recommendations were endorsed by the US Food and Drug Administration. The strains contained in the 2015-2016 vaccines are also presented in the table below for reference.^{1,2}

World Health Organization Recommended Influenza Vaccine Compositions^{1,2}

Formulation	Strains
2015-2016 Influenza Season	
Trivalent	A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus
	A/Switzerland/9715293/2013 (H3N2)-like virus
	B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus
Quadrivalent	A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus
	A/Switzerland/9715293/2013 (H3N2)-like virus
	B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus
	B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus
2015-2016 Influenza Season	
Trivalent	A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus
	A/Texas/50/2012 (H3N2)-like virus
	B/Massachusetts/2/2012-like virus
Quadrivalent	A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus
	A/Texas/50/2012 (H3N2)-like virus
	B/Massachusetts/2/2012-like virus
	B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus

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