



Morbidity Week 9 - March 1-7, 2015

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Introduction

Influenza-like Illness is an acute viral disease of the respiratory tract characterized by fever, headache, myalgia, prostration, coryza, sore throat and even cough. The incubation period is usually 1-3 days.

Influenza-like Illness may be clinically indistinguishable from disease caused by acute respiratory viruses, such as common cold, croup, bronchiolitis, viral pneumonia and undifferentiated acute respiratory disease.

Disease transmission is through airborne spread among crowded populations in enclosed spaces wherein the influenza virus may persist for hours, particularly in the cold and in low humidity.

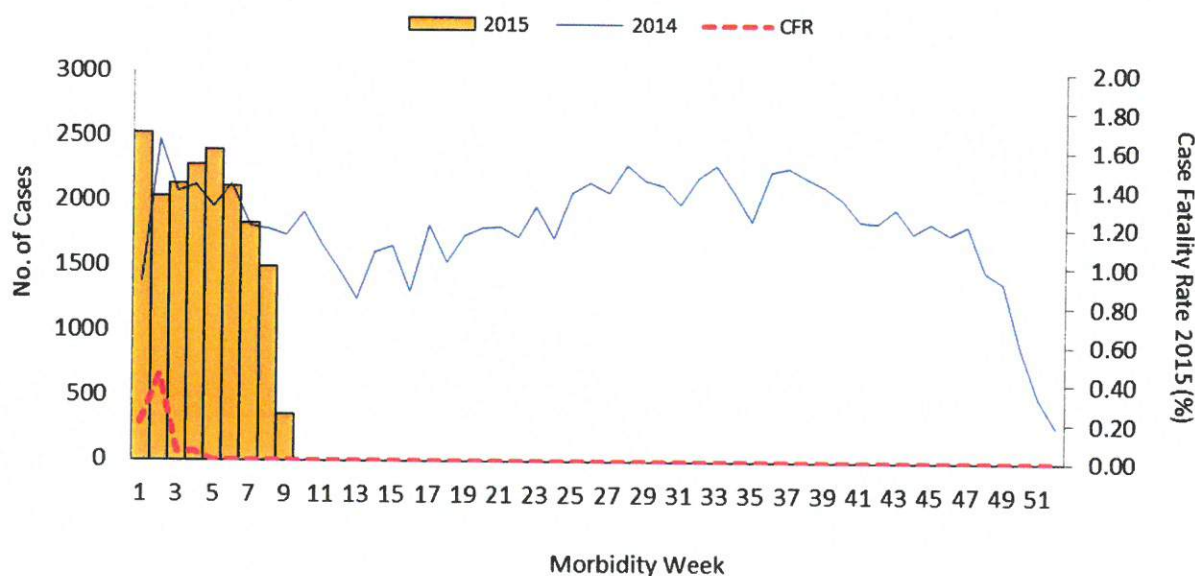
Trend in the Philippines

A total of **17,156** suspect influenza-like illness cases was reported nationwide from January 1 to March 7, 2015. This is **1.8%** lower compared to the same time period last year (**17,464**).

Geographic Distribution

Most of the cases were from the following regions: **Region XII** (22%), **Region IV-A** (17.5%), **Region X** (16.7%), **Region XI** (11.6%) and **CAR** (10.6%).

Fig. 1 Suspect Influenza-like Illness Cases by Morbidity Week, Philippines, as of March 7, 2015
2015* vs 2014 (N=17,156)



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Profile of Cases

Ages of cases ranged from less than 1 month to 97 years old (median = 5 years). Majority of cases were male (51.2%). Most of the cases belonged to the 1 to 4 years age group (31.4%) (Fig. 2). There were 16 deaths (CFR=0.09%).

Fig. 2 Suspect Influenza-like Illness Cases by Agegroup and Sex
Philippines, as of March 7, 2015 (N=17,156)

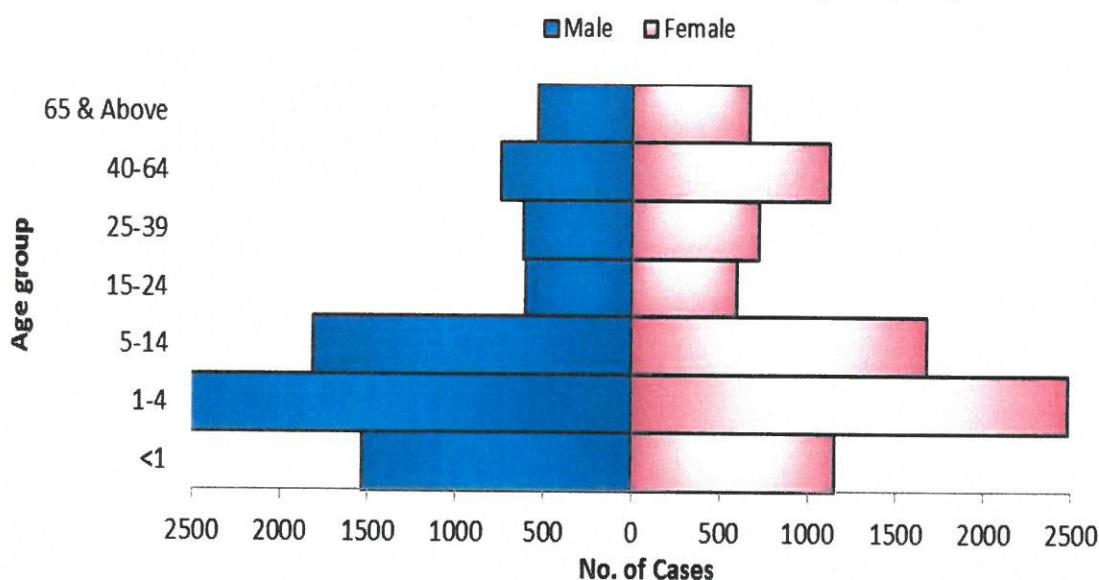
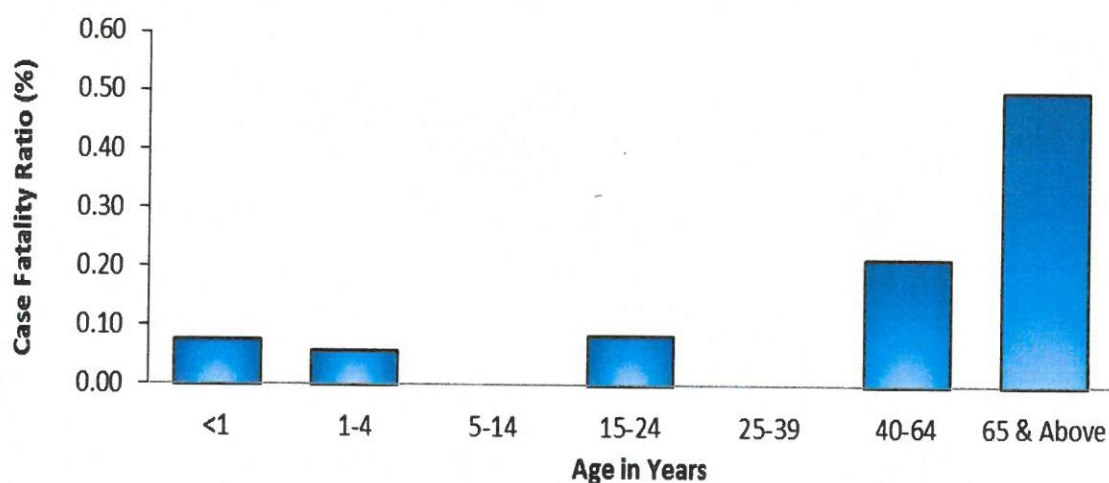


Fig. 3 Suspect Influenza-like Illness Case Fatality Rate (CFR) by Age Group,
Philippines, as of March 7, 2015



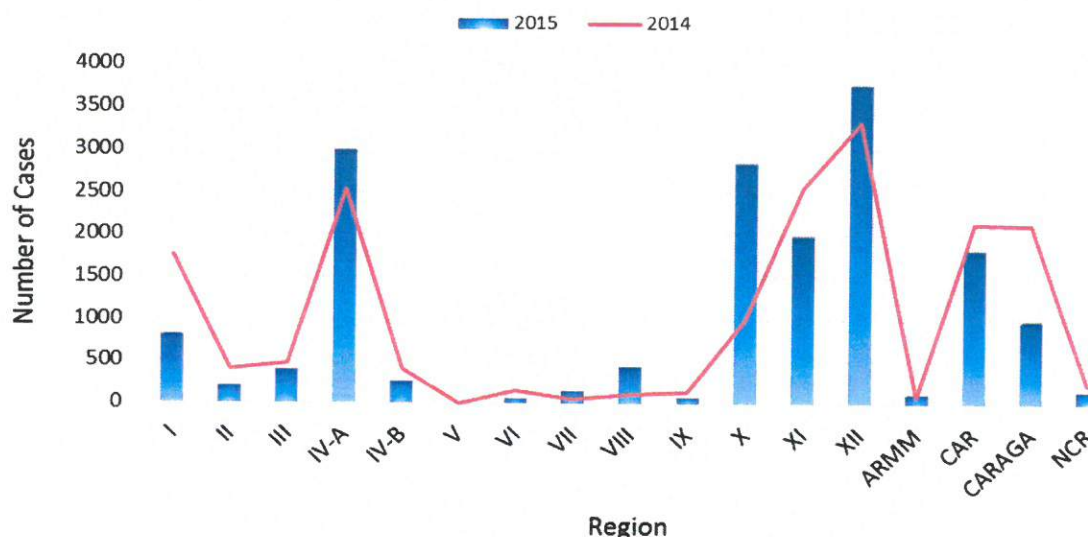
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**Fig. 4 Suspect Influenza-like Illness Cases by Region
 Philippines, 2015 vs 2014***



**Table 1. Influenza-like Illness Cases & Deaths by Region
 Philippines, 2015* vs 2014**

Region	Cases			Deaths			
	2015	2014	% Change	2015	CFR (%)	2014	CFR (%)
I	823	1771	-53.5	0	0.00	2	0.11
II	210	404	-48.0	0	0.00	0	0.00
III	399	477	-16.4	0	0.00	0	0.00
IV-A	3004	2533	18.6	0	0.00	0	0.00
IV-B	268	407	-34.2	0	0.00	0	0.00
V	0	4	-100.0	0	0.00	0	0.00
VI	71	152	-53.3	0	0.00	0	0.00
VII	144	52	176.9	0	0.00	0	0.00
VIII	449	111	304.5	0	0.00	1	0.90
IX	77	147	-47.6	0	0.00	0	0.00
X	2856	993	187.6	1	0.04	2	0.20
XI	1991	2545	-21.8	13	0.65	12	0.47
XII	3776	3313	14.0	0	0.00	1	0.03
ARMM	121	83	45.8	0	0.00	0	0.00
CAR	1824	2134	-14.5	0	0.00	0	0.00
CARAGA	995	2116	-53.0	2	0.20	7	0.33
NCR	148	222	-33.3	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total	17156	17464	-1.8	16	0.09	25	0.14

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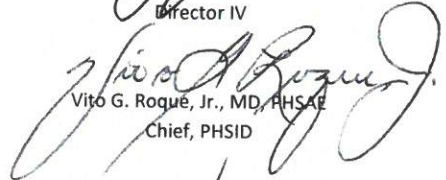
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Table 2. Weekly Influenza-like Illness Summary Report by Region
Philippines, as of March 7, 2015


Region	Morbidity Week				9th Morbidity Week		Cumulative Total	
	5	6	7	8	2015	2014	1st wk to 9th wk	
I	110	98	72	47	0	149	823	1771
II	29	24	16	7	1	23	210	404
III	53	33	41	39	2	36	399	477
IV-A	444	380	316	270	118	229	3004	2533
IV-B	27	40	4	6	8	25	268	407
V	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
VI	11	11	8	3	0	25	71	152
VII	3	9	21	69	8	5	144	52
VIII	63	41	109	99	11	8	449	111
IX	7	5	4	3	1	27	77	147
X	389	411	298	265	138	88	2856	993
XI	307	252	194	172	13	273	1991	2545
XII	550	443	430	331	14	398	3776	3313
ARMM	7	9	8	7	4	4	121	83
CAR	262	196	184	100	41	195	1824	2134
CARAGA	108	142	93	66	2	242	995	2116
NCR	27	19	26	11	0	17	148	222
Total	2397	2113	1824	1495	361	1744	17156	17464


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

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