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Re: Swine Flu and Nature-Throid / Westroid

By now everybody is no doubt aware of the human cases of Swine Influenza A (H1N1) developing and spreading across mainly Mexico, with small cases reported in the US and Canada. Thyroid patients currently taking Nature-Throid or Westroid (or any other NDT – Naturally Desiccated Thyroid medication as Thyroid USP derived from pigs) should not have any concerns taking their medications.

Swine Influenza (swine flu) is a respiratory disease of pigs and was first isolated in 1930. Swine flu viruses typically do not infect humans, however sporadic human infections in mutated form can and have occurred in the past and as with the current outbreak. Influenza viruses are directly transmitted by a person touching something with the flu virus on it and then touching their mouth or nose or through inhalation of the virus that is airborne.

CDC (Center for Disease Control) has already issued the following statement regarding consumption of pork:

Swine influenza viruses are not transmitted by food. You can not get swine influenza from eating pork or pork products. Eating properly handled and cooked pork and pork products is safe. Cooking pork to an internal temperature of 160°F kills the swine flu virus as it does other bacteria and viruses.

Naturally Desiccated Thyroid utilized in Nature-Throid and Westroid undergoes multiple quality processes from purification to desiccation. These processes ensure safety of the products from potential viral and other microbial pathogens.

RLC Labs is committed to providing efficacious and safe medications to consumers. Rest assured that we will continue to monitor the progress of this situation and will provide updates as necessary.

For additional resources on this matter, please visit the following websites:

CDC (Center for Disease Control): http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/key_facts.htm
<http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>

Thyroid Science (Dr. John Lowe): <http://www.thyroidscience.com/>

Thyroid About (Mary Shomon): <http://thyroid.about.com/>