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NIPAH VIRUS

What is nipah virus?

A virus which can cause severe lung illness and swelling around the brain.

How is nipah virus spread?

Transmitted to humans from infected horses and pigs.

What are possible symptoms?

Symptoms may include:

- Sore throat
- Fever
- Headache
- Drowsiness
- Confusion

How is nipah virus diagnosed?

Laboratory tests

What is the treatment for nipah virus?

There is no specific treatment for nipah virus.

How can nipah virus be prevented?

The disease can be prevented by avoiding animals that are known to be infected with the virus.

For more information on nipah virus:

Ottawa County Health Department

www.miOttawa.org

Center for Disease Control and Prevention

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvrd/spb/mnpages/dispages/nipah.htm>

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