

Committee Discussion Question for

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What strains should be recommended for the antigenic composition of the 2002-2003 inactivated influenza virus vaccine based on 1) the epidemiology and antigenic characteristics of influenza virus strains circulating in human populations, 2) the serologic responses to circulating influenza viruses of persons immunized with current influenza virus vaccines, and 3) the availability of suitable vaccine candidate strains?