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Preparing for the next large-scale flu outbreak

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A new text book has been published to make sure students and health professionals have a better understanding of flu and are prepared to battle future pandemics on national and international levels.

The text book Introduction to Pandemic Influenza, co-edited by Professor Jonathan Nguyen Van Tam of The University of Nottingham's School of Community Health Sciences and the Health Protection Agency East Midlands, has a strong emphasis on practical preparedness, covering areas not dealt with by traditional texts.

Professor Van-Tam, who is currently carrying out urgent research into how the H1N1 virus is spread, said: "Most health professionals will face at least one pandemic during their lifetime. These events place health systems under massive strain; if severe they place all of society under strain. So learning about this phenomenon, and ways we can be prepared, is of vital importance."

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