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### **Avian Influenza Virus A (H10N7) Circulating among Humans in Egypt**

The National Influenza Center (NIC) in Egypt and the WHO Influenza Collaborating Centre in the UK reported the isolation of Avian Influenza A (H10N7) from two human specimens. They refer to two one-year-old infants, residents of Ismaillia, who recovered after presenting a fever and cough. The father of one of them is a poultry merchant who frequently traveled between Isamillia and Damietta. In the latter town, five cases of the same virus were isolated from wild ducks between 18 and 22 April 2004, from samples taken from a market of hunted migratory birds. Additional preliminary investigation tested negative in 75 human samples collected in Ismaillia and in 13 samples from migratory birds from the same market. No influenza outbreak has been reported among poultry in Egypt. At present, there are no public-health implications from this event.

*Source:* Report to PAHO by WHO/CDS/CSR/RMD (Geneva: World Health Organization, Communicable Diseases, Communicable Disease Surveillance and Response, Risk Containment, Mapping and Drug Resistance).