

O ALERTA reúne informação diária recolhida na Direcção-Geral da Saúde sobre ocorrências de saúde, nacionais e internacionais, susceptíveis de terem implicações em Portugal. Pretende-se que esta informação destinada a todos os profissionais de saúde e responsáveis pela gestão do risco em Saúde Pública seja precoce e exaustiva.

Informação de Saúde	Fonte da informação e endereço
<b>Novos casos de Poliomielite pelo vírus selvagem de tipo1 (WPV1) no norte da Nigéria, no Benin e Níger Ocidental e do tipo 3 (WPV3) no Chad.</b>	OMS

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#### OMS Risk Assessment Comments

Serious public health impact: northern Nigeria is currently affected by a new outbreak of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) which has begun to spread internationally. In 2008, a nine-fold increase in new cases caused by this serotype has been reported in Nigeria, compared to the previous year. The resurgence of WPV1 in northern Nigeria has the potential to cause major international outbreaks, as occurred in 2003-2006, thereby jeopardizing the global polio eradication effort. Event unusual or unexpected: outbreak of a disease that is slated for eradication, with the outbreak occurring 12 months into the internationally-agreed intensification of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Potential for international spread: this is already occurring, with spread of Nigeria-derived WPV1 to the west (Benin) and north (Niger), and wild poliovirus type 3 (WPV3) to the east (Chad).