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Swine flu continues to claim lives across the district. Till April 15 this year, 25 people have died of swine flu in various government and private hospitals of the district. Until March 15, the district health machinery had registered 15 deaths. Ten people died of the flu since then, until April 15.

Senior officials of the Nashik civil hospital and the health department of Nashik Zilla Parishad said all measures are being taken to ensure swift treatment to swine flu patients. However, deaths occur because patients are often brought to hospital only in the final stages of the flu.

Till April 15 this year, Nashik civil hospital treated 21 patients with swine flu, of which six died. Private hospitals saw 211 swine flu patients, of which 18 died. Health officials said one patient died while being taken to a private hospital for treatment.

Health department data show that nine of those who died were from Nashik city and two each from Malegaon municipal corporation and Manmad city.

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Thirteen of those dead were residents of rural areas of the district, including four from Malegaon taluka, three from Deola, two from Igatpuri, and one each from Sinnar and Peth talukas.

The other five people who died of swine flu were from other districts. They were rushed to Nashik for treatment. Four of them were from Ahmednagar and one from Jalgaon.

A senior medical officer from Nashik civil hospital said a total 233 swine flu patients were admitted in different hospitals in the district, of which 25 succumbed. What that means is that 90 per cent of those admitted were treated and survived the diseased.

The doctor said that if patients are brought in at early stages of the disease, they respond to treatment. However, when treatment is delayed, the possibility of cure gets remote. Proper diagnosis at the initial stage is thus crucial, the doctor said.

Doctors at the PHCs and rural and civil hospitals have been appealing to people to wash their hands regularly with soap, take nutritious diet, include lemons, avala (gooseberries), oranges and other sources of Vitamin C in their diet, stop tobacco consumption and drink plenty of water.

People are also instructed not to indulge in handshakes, spitting in public places and popping pills without consulting doctors. Anyone experiencing flu-like symptoms is advised to avoid going to crowded places. Last year, 76 people died of swine flu in the district. The year before last, swine flu claimed 91 lives in Nashik.

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