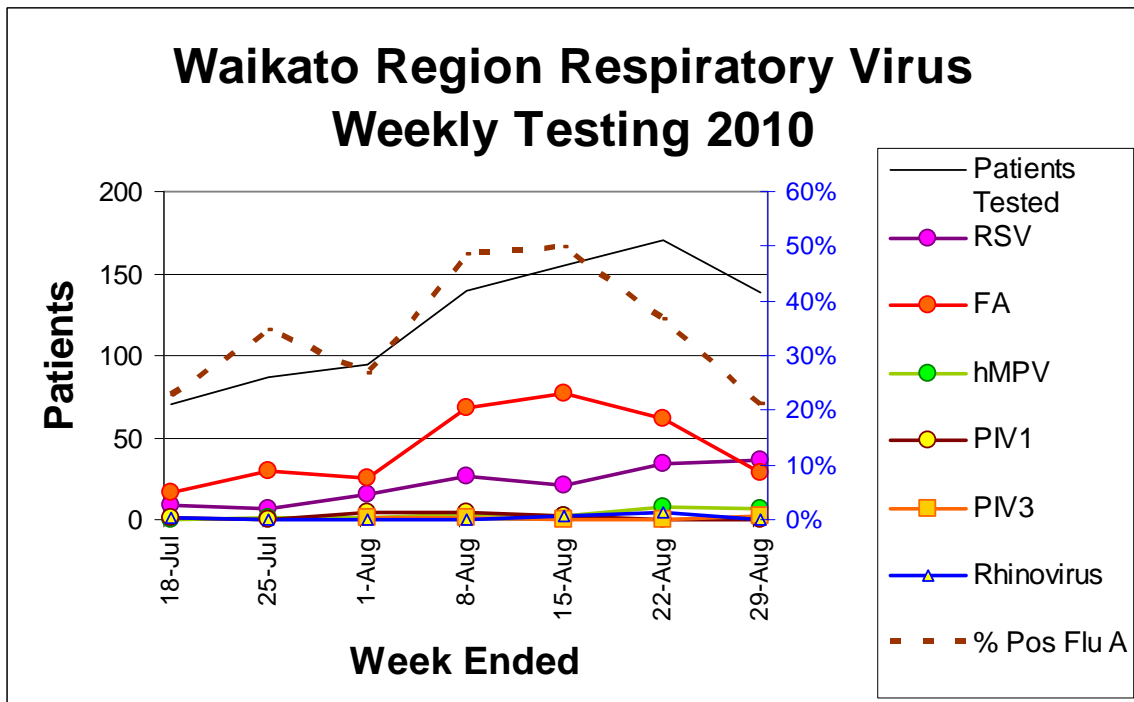
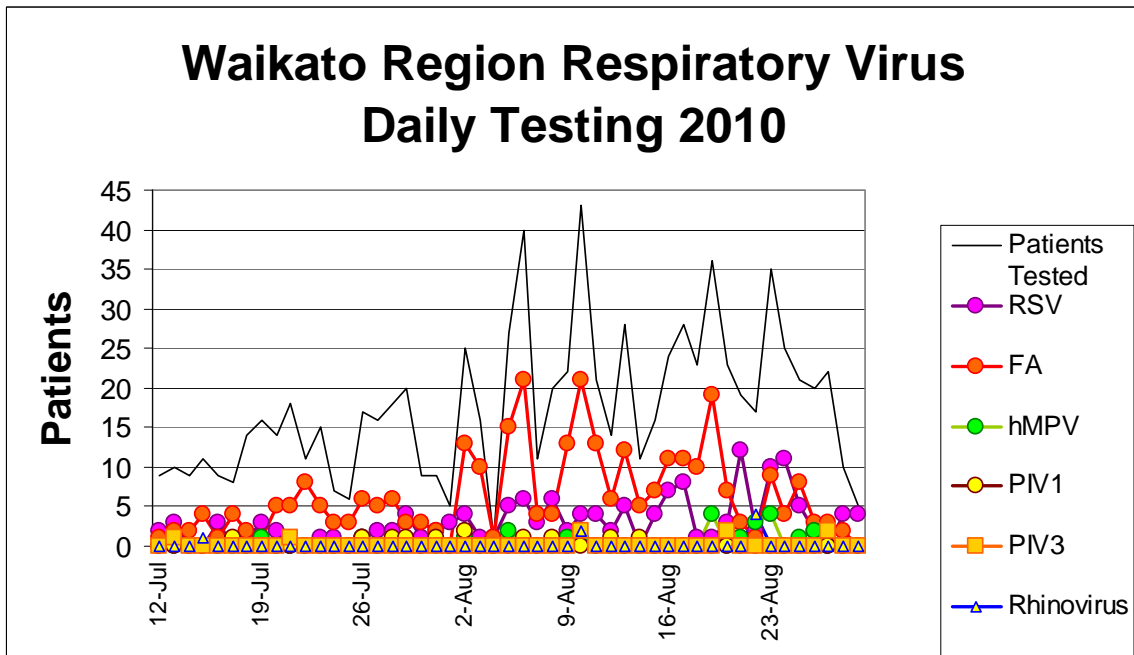


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Numbers of specimens referred for testing and numbers of Influenza A cases have now fallen. Only 10% of specimens tested by PCR are now positive for Influenza A. Therefore, oseltamivir will not benefit the large majority of patients who are currently being tested.

RSV numbers have increased. Human metapneumovirus, parainfluenza viruses 1 and 3 and rhinoviruses are also circulating.



*Note that some samples were tested by culture, which takes about 1 week to give a positive result, so recent positive numbers will be underestimated in this snapshot.

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