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Title:	Four swine flu deaths in Delhi, says hospital; govt data contradicts claim			
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Four swine flu-related (H1N1) deaths have been confirmed in one private hospital in Delhi since January this year, with three of the four deaths recorded in April. These are the first swine flu deaths reported from Delhi.

All four H1N1 deaths have been confirmed by laboratory tests at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital. "This year's first swine flu death in the hospital was recorded in February and the patient was from Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh. The three other patients who succumbed to the flu were from Delhi and died in April," confirmed a doctor at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital.

Five patients who have tested positive for H1N1 are being treated at Sir Ganga Ram. "Since January, we have had 18 people who have tested positive for swine flu," said the doctor.

Among Delhi's busiest hospitals, Ram Manohar Lohia has had five cases, Safdarjung hospital recorded one case, while Lok Nayak has had none in 2017. There have been no deaths there.

According to the Union health ministry's data, Delhi and NCR had 53 cases and no deaths till May 5 this year.

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The doctors at Sir Ganga Ram hospital, however, said three of the four deceased had co-morbid conditions, which led to complications. "Only one person from Delhi, a 35-year-old man, was absolutely healthy with no co-morbid conditions but succumbed to the H1N1," the official said

A total of 8,648 cases of swine flu and 345 deaths have been reported from across the country. The worst affected state has been Maharashtra, with 933 cases and 181 deaths.

H1N1 is a human respiratory flu, which is commonly known as swine flu and was declared a pandemic in 2009 by the World Health Organisation. Since then, Delhi and most of the country has been reporting swine flu cases, which is common during the winters.

H1N1 has all the signs of a conventional flu – fever, cough, sore throat, headache, runny or stuffy nose, fatigue and body ache – but, it also causes respiratory illness and pneumonia

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