

To the Editors:

Misleading advertisements

In the March 2001 issue of the *Ceylon Medical Journal* (Vol. 46 No.1), an advertisement titled "Prevention is better than cure" inserted by New Delmon Hospital has misleading information. It says "Influenza vaccine 3, 5 and 7 months". Presumably it refers to the *Haemophilus influenzae type B* (or Hib) vaccine, which is totally different

to the influenza vaccine, which is also available in Sri Lanka.

Secondly, a vaccine is advertised against meningitis. I wonder which organism it is effective against?

Such misleading advertisements, in my opinion, have an adverse effect on the quality of the journal.

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