

Oysters á la red tide Shrimp cholera-tura
Tuna au histamine

## Entree

Turkey inhabited with playful Sal Stuffed yesterday with a delightful mixture of Amanita, Claviceps-crumbs, seasoned with MSG by Corynebacterium glutamicum \& Brevibacterium flavum

## Sam-n-Ella's Cafe



Rolls compliments of Aspergillus

# Vegetable <br> Canned green beans extrudere 

## Dessert

Pumpkin pie with aureus whipped cream

Answer the following questions for each of the case histories. Use one page for each case history.

1. Identify the etiologic agent of the outbreak.
2. Was it a food infection or intoxication?
3. How did the food get contaminated and what item was contaminated?
4. Briefly explain how you arrived at your conclusion.

Hints:

- Make a table of onset of symptoms.
- Make a summary table of persons not ill.

Case History 1: Food Poisoning, New

## Mexico

## Background

The New Mexico Health Department was consulted by an Albuquerque physician regarding two patients, a husband and wife, who had become ill within 45 minutes of eating dinner. Their symptoms included nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, fever, flushing, and rapid pulse rate. An investigation found that the couple had shared a meal of grilled mahi mahi, pasta, salad, water, and wine. In a hospital emergency room, both patients were treated with antihistamines and ipecac. Their symptoms resolved within 36 hours of the onset of illness.

The fish had been imported from Taiwan through California and shipped frozen to the Albuquerque distributor, where it was thawed and sold from iced refrigerator cases. The patients had frozen the fish after they bought it. Later, they thawed it for three hours at room temperature and then grilled the still icy fish.

## Data

| Food Eaten | Husband | Wife | Daughter | Dog |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fish | x | x |  | x |
| Pasta | x | x | x |  |
| Salad | x | x | x |  |
| Wine | x | x | x |  |
| Water | x | x | x | x |
| Ill | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |

## Case History 2: The New York Brunch

## Background

On May 23, a woman was admitted to a hospital with diarrhea and vomiting. An investigation was started to trace her contacts. During the investigation, it became apparent that the symptoms were due to a brunch shared by 32 persons on May 22 (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Symptoms experienced by people at the brunch included:

All fresh food items were delivered to the cooking area the morning of May 22. The menu consisted of:
$\mathbf{O}=$ Omelets. Grade A eggs from a local farm were beaten, mixed with pasteurized milk, salt, pepper, and diced onions. The egg batter was sautéed in small batches and served from warming trays heated by alcohol burners.
$\mathbf{B}=$ Bacon. Bacon was purchased from a meat whole seller. The bacon was fried on a large griddle and served from warming trays.
F = Fruit salad. Fresh apples, banana, and oranges were cut-up and mixed with commercially canned peaches and pears.
$\mathbf{P}=$ Pastries. Muffins and other breads were purchased from a bakery and served with butter.

## Data

| Person | Foods eaten | Beverage | Time ate, Sun | Symptoms | Onset of symptoms |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | OBFP | CJ | 1100 | DVNC | 2400 Sun |
| 2 | BFP | MJ | 1200 |  |  |
| 3 | OBFP | C | 1200 | NC | 0200 Mon |
| 4 | OBFP | C | 1100 | DNC |  |
| 5 | P | T | 1100 |  |  |
| 6 | B | CJ | 1200 |  |  |
| 7 | FP | CJ | 1300 |  |  |
| 8 | P | CH | 1300 |  |  |
| 9 | OBFP | C | 1100 | DVNC | 1100 Mon |
| 10 | P | T | 1200 |  |  |
| 11 | P | M | 1300 |  |  |
| 12 | OBFP | M | 1300 | DNC | 1400 Mon |
| 13 | P | C | 1200 |  |  |
| 14 | BFP | CJ | 1500 |  |  |
| 15 | OBP | T | 1500 | DNC | 2400 Mon |
| 16 | P | MJ | 1100 |  |  |
| 17 | BFP | C | 1100 |  |  |
| 18 | P | C | 1200 | N | 1300 Sun |
| 19 | PB | T | 1200 | DVNC | 1700 Mon |
| 20 | FP | CJ | 1200 |  |  |
| 21 | OB | M | 1300 | DNC | 0200 Mon |
| 22 | P | M | 1400 | C | 0800 Tue |
| 23 | P | MJ | 1400 |  |  |
| 24 | OBFP | C | 1100 | DC | 1500 Mon |
| 25 | OBP | C | 1100 | VNC | 0100 Mon |
| 26 | FP | T | 1200 |  |  |
| 27 | P | T | 1200 |  |  |
| 28 | OBFP | C | 1200 | DC | 0200 Mon |
| 29 | BP | M | 1300 |  |  |
| 30 | P | CJ | 1400 |  |  |
| 31 | BFP | C | 1100 |  |  |
| 32 | OBFP |  | 1200 | DC | 1200 Mon |
| D = Diarrhea | $\mathbf{V}=\text { Vomiting } \quad \mathbf{N}=\text { Nausea }$ |  |  | C = Abdominal cramps |  |

## Case History 3: The Unfortunate Alaskan

Fishing Trip Background

## Background

The Alaska Department of Public Health was notified that foodborne illness had occurred in fishermen aboard a fishing boat off the Alaska peninsula. The fishermen had eaten baked fish, steamed clams and mussels, boiled rice, boiled potatoes, and green salad. No alcohol was consumed.

## Data

| Case | Symptoms | Onset <br> (hr) | Foods Eaten |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Clams | Mus- <br> sels | Salmon | Halibut | Rice | Pota- <br> toes |
| 1 | None | - | 1 |  |  | x |  | x |
| 2 | Vomiting; numbness around mouth; | $21 / 2$ | $4-5$ |  |  | x | x |  |
| 3 | None | - |  |  | x |  |  | x |
| 4 | Numbness of tongue and jaw; tingling | 2 | 5 |  |  | x |  | x |
| 5 | Numbness and tingling of face and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | None | - |  | 1 raw |  | x | x |  |
| 7 | None | - | 1 |  |  | x | x |  |
| 8 | None | - |  | 1 raw | x |  |  | x |
| 9 | Numbness and tingling around mouth, | $1 / 2$ | $25-30$ |  |  | x |  |  |
| 10 | Vomiting; numbness of lips and fingers; | 2 |  | $4-5$ |  | x |  | x |
| 11 | Vomiting; numbness of throat, toes, and | 1 |  | 12 |  |  | x | x |
| 12 | Lower back pain | 2 | $6-7$ |  | x |  | x |  |
| 13 | Nausea | $1 / 2$ | 2 |  |  | x | x |  |
| 14 | Numbness of face; paralysis of legs | 1 | $20-25$ |  |  |  |  | x |
| 15 | Vomiting; numbness and tingling of | 1 |  | $18-24$ |  |  |  | x |
| 16 | None | - | 1 |  |  |  |  | x |
| 17 | None | - |  |  |  | x |  | x |
| 18 | Vomiting; numbness of mouth; tingling | 2 | $3-4$ |  | x |  |  | x |
| 19 | Vomiting; tingling of mouth, face, and | 2 | $6-7$ |  |  |  | x | x |
| 20 | Numbness of face and hands; dizziness | $11 / 2$ | 10 |  |  |  | x |  |
| 21 | Paralysis of right arm; lower back pain | $11 / 2$ | $15-20$ |  |  |  |  | x |

## Case History 4: An Outbreak of Food Poisoning, San Francisco

## Background

An outbreak of food poisoning occurred, affecting half the members of five families who ate at a restaurant in San Francisco at 3 p.m. on June 20th.

On June 20th, a woman was admitted to a hospital with "chilliness," nausea, abdominal cramps, and watery diarrhea. The next morning, she complained of limb numbness and difficulty swallowing and breathing. Examination was unremarkable except for slight weakness of the upper extremities and diminished deep tendon reflexes. Laboratory analysis yielded no viral or bacterial infection.

An investigation was started to trace her contacts. During the investigation, it became apparent that the symptoms were due to a meal shared by 32 persons on June 20th. Rice was purchased from a produce market in a 50 kg bag. The rice was boiled the morning of the dinner and kept warm in foil-covered pots. Chicken was purchased from a supermarket. The chicken was cut up, browned in oil, boiled for two hours, and the flesh pulled from the bones. The chicken was mixed with rice noodles. A whole, gutted pig was roasted in a conventional hot air oven until the meat was white. Rice noodles were purchased from a supermarket, boiled, and pan-fried. Whole, ungutted jackfish were purchased from a seaman who caught the fish at Midway Island. The fish were frozen in the ship's freezer until return to the Port of Oakland on June 19; they were gutted and cut into steaks, which were deep-fried and served in vinegar/herb sauce. The fish heads and viscera were boiled with vegetables for 15 minutes to make chowder (escabeche).

| Data |  |  | Symptoms |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Foods Eaten |  |  |  |  |  |  | Symptom onset |  | Duration |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Case | Age | Sex | C | $\mathbf{M}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{n} \\ \mathbf{v} \end{gathered}$ | A | B | R | N | V | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | Date | Hr | Days |
| 1 | 66 | M | x | x | x | x | x |  |  |  | x | x | x | x | x | x |  | 20 | 7p | 1 |
| 2 | 32 | M |  | x | x | x |  |  |  |  |  | x |  | x | x | x | x | 20 | 6p | 1.5 |
| 3 | 29 | F |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | X | X | X | X | X | X | x |  |  |  |
| 4 | 55 | F |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x | x | x | x |  |  |  |
| 5 | 39 | F |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | X | X |  |  | X | x | x |  |  |  |
| 6 | 25 | M |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  | X | x | x |  |  |  |
| 7 | 32 | M |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | X | X |  | X | x | x |  |  |  |
| 8 |  | F |  | x |  | X |  | X |  | x | X | X |  |  | x | x |  | 20 | 8p | 1 |
| 9 | 25 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  | x |  |  |  |
| 10 | 9 | M |  | x | X | x |  | X |  |  | x |  | X | X |  | X | x |  |  |  |
| 11 | 10 | M | x |  |  |  |  | X | x |  | x | X |  | x | X |  |  | 21 | 8p | 1 |
| 12 | 20 | F |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | X | x | x |  | x | x | 20 | 5p | 14 |
| 13 | 34 | F |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | X | x | x | x |  | x |  |  |  |
| 14 | 42 | F |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x |  | X | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | 13 | F |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | X |  |  | x |  |  |  |
| 16 | 12 | M |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x | x | x |  |  |  |
| 17 | 66 | F | x | x |  | x |  | X |  |  | X | X | x | x | x | x | x | 20 | 6p | 1 |
| 18 | 49 | M |  | X | x | x | x |  |  |  |  | X |  | X | X | X |  | 20 | 7 p | 1 |
| 19 | 32 | F | x |  |  |  |  | X | x |  | x | X |  | x |  | x | X | 20 | 5p | 14 |
| 20 | 33 | M | x | X |  | x |  | X |  |  | X | X | x |  | x |  | X | 20 | 6p | 1.5 |
| 21 | 25 | M |  | X | x |  | X | X | x |  |  | X | X | X | X |  |  | 21 | 6a | 1.5 |
| 22 | 25 | F | x |  | x | x |  |  |  | x | x | x | x | x | X | x | x | 20 | 5p | 0.5 |


| Data |  |  | Symptoms |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Foods Eaten |  |  |  |  |  |  | Symptom onset |  | Duration <br> Days |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Case | Age | Sex | C | M | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{n} \\ \mathbf{v} \end{gathered}$ | A | B | R | N | V | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | Date | Hr |  |
| 23 | 40 | F |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x |  |  | x | x |  | x |  | 22 | 11a | 1 |
| 24 | 43 | M | x | X | X | X | X | x | x | x | X | x |  | x |  | x | x | 20 | 5p | 14 |
| 25 | 30 | F |  |  |  | X |  |  |  |  | X |  | x | X | x |  |  | 20 | 5p | 1 |
| 26 | 44 | M |  | X | X | X |  | x |  |  | X | X |  | X | x | x | x | 20 | 5p | 3 |
| 27 | 49 | F |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x | x |  | x |  |  |  |  |
| 28 | 50 | F |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | x | X | x | X |  |  |  |  |
| 29 | 32 | M |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | X |  | X | X | x |  |  |  |  |
| 30 | 33 | M | x |  | X |  |  | x | X |  | x | X |  |  | X |  | x | 20 | 5p | 14 |
| 31 | 52 | F |  |  | X | x |  |  |  |  | X | X |  |  | X | x | x | 20 | 7p | 2 |
| 32 | 36 | F | x | x | X | x |  |  |  |  | x | x |  | x |  | x | x | 20 | 9p | 1 |
| $\mathrm{C}=$ Chilly sensation. <br> M=Malaise. <br> nv=nausea, vomiting, diarrhea. <br> $\mathrm{A}=$ Abdominal pain. <br> $\mathrm{B}=$ Breathing difficulty. <br> $\mathrm{N}=$ Numbness and tingling of lips and extremities. <br> $\mathrm{V}=$ Vertigo |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1=\text { Fried fish } \\ & 2=\text { Chowder } \\ & 3=\text { Port } \\ & 4=\text { Chicken/noodles } \\ & 5=\text { Rice } \\ & 6=\text { Fresh fruit } \\ & 7=\text { Chocolate cake } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Case History 5: The Louisiana Dinner

## Background

An outbreak of food poisoning occurred the last week of June, affecting two-thirds of the 1700 persons who attended a dinner in Port Allen, Louisiana. A questionnaire to obtain information concerning the illness was administered to 122 persons. Of this sample, 82 ( $67.2 \%$ ) reported illness. Physicians treated 32 patients ( $26.2 \%$ ); 9 ( $7.4 \%$ ) required hospitalization. Dinner was at 6 P.M. Sunday.

Laboratory analysis yielded positive cultures of the etiological agents from the leftover shrimp, potatoes, corn, and hogshead cheese, and from 7 of 15 stool samples from patients. The person who collected the food stored all of it in one container.

Potatoes were purchased from a farmer. They had been stored in a root cellar and were transported loose in a pickup truck. The morning of the dinner the potatoes were washed, peeled, and boiled until tender. The pots were covered with aluminum foil and transported unrefrigerated 50 miles to the dinner.

Corn was purchased from a produce market. The night before the dinner, the corn was shucked and kept in the wooden boxes in which it had been purchased. The day of the dinner, the corn was boiled. For transport, it was wrapped in aluminum foil.

Hogshead cheese was purchased the morning of the dinner along with the salt meat. The headcheese and salt meat were kept refrigerated by the delicatessen. After purchase, they were stored unrefrigerated until dinner. (Read labels in the deli section of your grocery store to ascertain the ingredients in headcheese.)

Raw shrimp was purchased at one location and shipped to a second location in standard wooden seafood boxes. It was boiled on the morning of the dinner and placed back into the boxes. After being covered with aluminum foil, it was transported 40 miles in an unrefrigerated truck to the dinner. An inspection of the wholesale seafood establishment was undertaken six days later. The investigation revealed that the shrimp had been boiled in $300-\mathrm{lb}$. batches in the following manner: A batch was
placed in a container until the water came to a rolling boil; then the gas was turned off, and the shrimp kept in the hot water for 15 minutes.

Symptoms:
D = Diarrhea
C = Cramps
$\mathrm{W}=$ Weakness
$\mathrm{N}=$ Nausea
$\mathrm{c}=$ Chills
$\mathrm{H}=$ Headache
$\mathrm{F}=\mathrm{Fever}$
$\mathrm{V}=$ Vomiting

Foods Eaten:
1 = Boiled shrimp
$2=$ Headcheese
$3=$ Boiled potatoes
4 = Boiled corn
$5=$ Boiled salt meat
$6=$ Bread and butter
$7=$ Watermelon

Data

| Case | Age |  | Symptoms |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Foods Eaten |  |  |  |  |  |  | Onset |  | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline \text { Duration } \\ \hline \text { (Days) } \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | D | C | W | N | c | H | F | V | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | Day | HR |  |
| 1 | 13 | F | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | S | 11p | 1 |
| 2 | 21 | F | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  | + |  |  | + | + | M | 12n | 4 |
| 3 | 64 | F | + | + | + | + | + |  | + |  | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | M | 1 | 3 |
| 4 | 32 | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  | + | M | 5 | 2 |
| 5 | 41 | F | + | + | + | + | + | + |  | + | + | + | + |  | + |  | + | T | 8a | 4 |
| 6 | 42 | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  | + | M | 8a | 6 |
| 7 | 30 | M | + | + | + | + |  |  |  |  | + |  | + | + |  | + | + | S | 12m | 7 |
| 8 | 50 | M |  |  |  |  |  | + |  |  |  | + | + |  | + | + | + | W | 8a |  |
| 9 | 55 | M | + | + | + | + |  | + | + |  | + | + | + |  | + |  | + | S | 11p | 1 |
| 10 | 60 | F | + |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | + | + | + |  | + |  | + | T | 7 p | 3 |
| 11 | 61 | M | + |  | + |  | + | + | + |  | + | + | + | + | + |  | + | M | 12n | 4 |
| 12 | 19 | M | + | + |  |  | + | + | + |  | + |  | + |  |  | + | + | S | 10p | 4 |
| 13 | 22 | F |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | 70 | F |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | + | + |  | + | + | + | M | 1 p | 6 |
| 15 | 69 | F | + | + | + |  | + | + | + |  | + | + | + | + | + |  | + | M | 9a | 6 |
| 16 | 68 | M | + | + | + |  | + |  |  |  |  | + | + | + | + | + | + | M | 12 n | 5 |
| 17 | 34 | F | + | + | + |  | + |  |  |  | + | + | + |  | + |  | + | M | 12n | 5 |
| 18 | 40 | F |  |  | + | + | + |  |  |  | + | + |  | + | + | + | + | M | pm | 7 |
| 19 | 41 | F | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  | + | + |  | + | + | + | + | S | pm | 5 |
| 20 | 59 | M |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | + |  |  | + | + | + |  |  |  |
| 21 | 78 | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  | + |  |  | + |  | + | + | T | am | 5 |
| 22 | 73 | F | + | + | + |  | + |  |  |  | + |  | + | + |  |  | + | M | 3p | 4 |
| 23 | 46 | F | + | + | + |  | + |  |  |  | + |  | + |  | + |  |  | M | 4 a | 3 |
| 24 | 57 | M | + | + | + |  |  |  |  |  | + | + | + | + | + |  | + | M | 9a | 2 |
| 25 | 34 | M | + | + | + | + |  |  |  |  | + |  | + |  |  | + | + | M | 9p | 8 |
| 26 | 72 | M | + | + | + |  |  |  |  |  | + |  | + | + |  | + |  | T | 1a | 8 |
| 27 | 32 | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  | + |  |  |  | $+$ | T | am | 7 |


| Case | Age | Sex | Symptoms |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Foods Eaten |  |  |  |  |  |  | Onset |  | $\begin{array}{c\|} \hline \text { Duration } \\ \hline \text { (Days) } \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | D | C | W | N | $\underline{\text { c }}$ | H | F | V | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | Day | HR |  |
| 28 | 61 | F | + | + | $+$ | $+$ | $+$ | + | $+$ | + | $+$ |  | $+$ |  | $+$ |  |  | S | 12 m | 1 |
| 29 | 36 | F | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  | + | + |  | + |  | M | la | 2 |
| 30 | 59 | M | + | $+$ | $+$ | $+$ | $+$ | + | $+$ |  | $+$ |  | $+$ |  | $+$ |  | + | M | pm | 2 |
| 31 | 74 | M | + | $+$ | $+$ | $+$ | $+$ | + | $+$ |  | + |  | $+$ |  | $+$ |  | + | M | 10a | 4 |
| 32 | 50 | M |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | + | $+$ | $+$ |  | $+$ | + |  |  |  |
| 33 | 54 | M | + | $+$ |  | $+$ |  |  |  |  |  | + | $+$ |  | $+$ | $+$ | + | M | am | 5 |
| 34 | ? | M | + | $+$ | + | $+$ |  |  |  |  | + |  | $+$ | + |  | + |  | T | am | 6 |
| 35 | 39 | M | + | $+$ | $+$ | $+$ |  |  |  |  | $+$ | + | $+$ |  | $+$ |  | + | S | pm | 8 |
| 36 | 40 | M | + | $+$ | $+$ | $+$ |  | + |  |  | + |  | $+$ | + |  | + |  | M | 10a | 1 |
| 37 | 78 | F | + | $+$ | $+$ | $+$ |  |  |  |  |  | + | $+$ | $+$ | $+$ |  | $+$ | M | 9a | 8 |
| 38 | 57 | F | + |  | + | + |  |  |  |  |  | + | $+$ | + |  | + | + | M | 8a | 7 |
| 39 | 14 | M | + |  | + | + |  |  |  |  |  | + | + |  | + | + | + | M | pm | 4 |
| 40 | 15 | M |  | $+$ | $+$ | $+$ |  |  |  |  |  | + | $+$ |  | + | $+$ |  | M | 10a | 2 |
| 41 | 60 | F | + | $+$ | $+$ | $+$ | $+$ | + | + |  | $+$ |  | $+$ | + |  | $+$ | + | M | 11a | 4 |
| 42 | 63 | M | + | + | $+$ | + | $+$ | + | $+$ |  | + |  | $+$ |  | + | $+$ |  | S | 11p | 5 |
| 43 | 81 | F | + | + | + | + | $+$ | + | + |  | + |  | $+$ | + | + | + | + | T | 11a | 6 |
| 44 | 57 | F | + | $+$ | $+$ | $+$ | $+$ | + | $+$ |  | + |  | $+$ |  |  | $+$ | + | T | 12 n | 7 |
| 45 | 32 | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  | + |  | + | + |  |  |  | M | 12 n | 6 |
| 46 | ? | F | + | $+$ | $+$ | + | $+$ | + | $+$ |  | $+$ |  |  | $+$ | $+$ | $+$ | + | M | 8a | 7 |
| 47 | 20 | F | + | + | + | + | $+$ | + | + |  | + |  |  | + | + |  | + | M | 9a | 2 |
| 48 | 25 | M | + | + | + | + |  |  |  |  |  | + |  |  |  | + |  | S | 10 | 2 |
| 49 | 32 | F | + | + | + | + |  |  |  |  | + | + |  | + |  | + | + | S | 12 n | 3 |
| 50 | 38 | M | + | + | + | + |  |  |  |  | + | + |  |  | + | + |  | M | 10a | 4 |
| 51 | 40 | F | + | + | + | + |  |  |  |  | + | + | $+$ | $+$ |  | + | + | M | 12n | 5 |
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| 56 | 60 | F | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  | + |  | + |  | $+$ | + | + | M | 11a | 3 |
| 57 | 63 | M | + | + | + | + |  |  |  |  |  | + |  |  | + | + | + | T | 11a | 4 |
| 58 | 57 | M | $+$ | $+$ | $+$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | + |  | + |  | + |  | S | pm | 4 |
| 59 | 46 | F |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | + |  | + | + |  | $+$ |  |  |  |
| 60 | 45 | M | + | + | + |  |  |  |  |  |  | + |  | $+$ |  | + | + | M | am | 3 |
| 61 | 60 | M | + | + | $+$ |  | $+$ | + | $+$ |  | + | + |  | + | + | + | + | M | 8a | 1 |
| 62 | 14 | M | $+$ | + | $+$ |  |  |  |  |  | + | + | + |  | + | + | + | M | 6p | 5 |
| 63 | 39 | M | + | + | + |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | + | + | + | + | + | M | 5a | 3 |


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| 67 | 17 | F | + | + | $+$ | + | $+$ | + | + | + | + | + | $+$ | + | + |  | + | M | 2a | 3 |
| 68 | 59 | M | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |  | + |  | + |  | + | M | 11a | 4 |
| 69 | 46 | F | + | + | $+$ | + | $+$ | + | + | + | + |  | $+$ | + |  | + | + | S | 10p | 6 |
| 70 | 34 | F | + | + | + |  |  |  |  |  | + |  | $+$ | + | + |  | + | T | 3a | 1 |
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| 92 | 48 | F | + | $+$ | $+$ | $+$ | $+$ | + | + |  | + |  |  | + |  | + | + | M | 6p | 6 |
| 93 | 21 | F | + | + |  | + |  |  |  |  | + | $+$ |  | + | + |  | + | M | 2a | 5 |
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| 96 | 40 | M | + | + | + | + | $+$ | + | + |  | $+$ | + | $+$ | + | + | $+$ | + | M | 8a | 2 |
| 97 | 36 | F | + | + | + |  |  |  |  |  | + |  |  |  |  | + |  | T | 2a | 4 |
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| 103 | 27 | M | + | + | + | + | $+$ | + | + |  | + |  | + | + |  | + |  | M | 3a | 3 |
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| 105 | 20 | M |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | + |  | + | + | + |  |  |  |
| 106 | 18 | F |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | + |  | + | + |  | + |  |  |  |  |
| 107 | 43 | M | + | + | + | + |  |  |  |  |  |  | + |  | + |  | + | M | 2a | 5 |
| 108 | 33 | F | + | + |  |  |  |  |  |  | + |  | + |  | + | + | + | M | 5p | 6 |
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| 111 | 13 | M | + | $+$ | + | + |  |  |  |  |  | $+$ |  |  | + | + |  | M | 3p | 7 |
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| 118 | 60 | F | + | + | + | + | $+$ |  |  |  | $+$ | + | + |  |  | + | $+$ | M | 6a | 5 |
| 119 | 50 | M | + | + | + | + | $+$ |  |  |  | $+$ |  |  | + |  |  | $+$ | T | 2a | 5 |
| 120 | 48 | F | + | + | + | $+$ | $+$ |  | $+$ |  | + |  |  |  | + | $+$ | + | M | 3p | 7 |
| 121 | 13 | F | + | + | + | + | + |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | + |  | M | 4a | 4 |
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## Case History 6: The Headache

## Background

On October 15, a 40-year-old man was admitted to the hospital. He had a "splitting" headache, his legs were unsteady, and his vision was blurred. During examination, it was apparent that there was something wrong with his throat. It wasn't sore, but it felt stiff and tight, and it was almost impossible for him to speak.

Over the next seven days, 28 persons with similar symptoms were admitted to the hospital.
Twelve of these patients required ventilatory support; no deaths were reported. During the investigation, it became apparent that the illnesses were due to meals consumed between October 14 and 16 at one restaurant. Detailed food histories were obtained from the patients. An additional case-control study was conducted on well people who had consumed food at the restaurant during the same three-day period. Repeated news media announcements aided health personnel in locating 18 other people who had eaten virtually the same foods at the restaurant.

The meals consisted of the following foods:
1=Patty Melt. Frozen hamburger patties purchased from a restaurant distributor. Patties were removed from the freezer and fried as ordered. Presliced pasteurized American cheese purchased
from a distributor was kept refrigerated, and a slice was melted on each cooked hamburger patty. Meat and cheese were served on rye bread purchased from a local bakery.
$\mathbf{2}=$ Sauteed Onions. Onions were purchased fresh from a farmer. Fresh whole onions were sliced and then sauteed with margarine, paprika, garlic salt, and a chicken-based powder. After the initial cooking, the onions were held uncovered in a pan on a warm stove $\left(<60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ along with a large volume of melted margarine; they were not reheated before serving.
3=French—Fried Potatoes. Precut frozen potatoes were deep-fried in two- or three-serving batches as needed.
4=Potato Salad. Potatoes were purchased from a farmer. They had been stored in a root cellar and were transported loose in a pickup truck. The potatoes were washed, peeled, diced, and boiled.
Cooled, drained potato cubes were mixed with oil, vinegar, dry mustard, and garlic salt, and kept refrigerated. Individual servings were removed from the container as needed.
5=Lettuce and Tomato Salad. Produce was delivered every other day. Lettuce and tomatoes were cut in the morning, refrigerated, and mixed with oil and vinegar for serving.
Symptoms: $\mathrm{W}=$ Weakness, lassitude, $\mathrm{D}=$ Diarrhea, $\mathrm{N}=$ Nausea, vomiting, $\mathrm{C}=$ Constipation, $\mathrm{Dd}=$ Diplopia, Dy = Dysphagia, dysphonia, $\mathrm{M}=$ Muscle weakness, $\mathrm{Rd}=$ Respiratory difficulty

|  | $\stackrel{\times}{*}$ | $8$ |  |  |  | Symptoms |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Foods eaten |  |  |  |  |
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| 3 | M | 40 | 15 | 17 | Y | X |  |  |  | X | X | X | X | X | X |  | X |  |
| 4 | M | 55 | 14 | 17 | Y | X |  |  | X |  | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |  |
| 5 | F | 72 | 15 | 16 | N | X |  |  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  | X |  |
| 6 | M | 43 | 15 | 17 | N | X |  |  |  |  | X | X |  | X | X | X | X |  |
| 7 | F | 37 | 16 | 17 | Y | X |  |  |  |  | X | X |  | X | X |  |  | X |
| 8 | F | 51 | 15 | 16 | Y | X |  |  | X |  | X | X | X | X | X |  |  | X |
| 9 | F | 25 | 14 | 16 | N | X |  |  | X | X | X | X |  | X | X |  | X | X |
| 10 | M | 40 | 16 | - | - | X |  |  | X | X |  |  |  | X |  |  |  | X |
| 11 | F | 35 | 14 | - | - |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |  | X |  | X |  |  |
| 13 | M | 54 | 15 | 18 | N |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |  | X | X | X |  | X |
| 14 | F | 34 | 15 | 18 | Y | X |  | X | X |  | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |  |
| 15 | M | 45 | 14 | 16 | Y | X |  |  | X |  | X | X | X | X | X |  | X |  |
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| 17 | F | 37 | 14 | 15 | Y | X |  |  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |  | X |
| 18 | M | 34 | 14 | - | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | X |  |  | X |  |
| 19 | M | 30 | 15 | - | - |  |  |  | X |  |  |  |  | X |  | X |  |  |
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| 21 | F | 39 | 14 | 17 | N | X |  |  | X | X | X | X |  | X | X |  |  | X |
| 22 | M | 45 | 16 | - | - | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | X | X |  |  | X |
| 23 | M | 53 | 14 | - | - |  |  |  | X |  |  |  |  | X | X |  | X |  |


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| 24 | F | 41 | 15 | 20 | N | X | X |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | X |
| 25 | F | 42 | 14 | 16 | N | X |  |  |  | X | X | X |  | X | X |  | X |  |
| 26 | F | 54 | 16 | 18 | Y | X |  |  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |  |
| 27 | M | 42 | 16 | - | - | X |  |  | X |  |  |  |  | X | X |  | X | X |
| 28 | F | 43 | 16 | 19 | N | X |  | X |  | X | X | X |  |  |  | X |  |  |
| 29 | M | 42 | 15 | - | - | X |  |  |  |  | X | X |  | X | X |  |  | X |
| 30 | F | 65 | 15 | - | - | X |  |  | X |  |  |  |  | X | X | X |  |  |
| 31 | F | 33 | 16 | 21 | N | X |  |  |  | X |  | X |  | X | X | X | X |  |
| 32 | M | 52 | 14 | - | - |  |  | X | X |  |  |  |  | X |  | X |  |  |
| 33 | F | 26 | 14 | - | - | X | X |  |  | X | X |  |  | X | X | X |  |  |
| 34 | F | 40 | 15 | 18 | N | X |  |  | X | X |  | X |  |  |  |  | X |  |
| 35 | F | 22 | 15 | 19 | Y | X |  |  | X |  | X | X | X | X | X | X |  |  |
| 36 | M | 63 | 16 | 20 | N | X |  |  | X | X |  |  |  | X | X |  | X | X |
| 37 | M | 35 | 15 | - | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | X | X |  | X | X |
| 38 | M | 56 | 15 | 17 | Y | X |  |  | X | X |  | X | X | X | X |  |  | X |
| 39 | F | 60 | 15 | 17 | N | X |  |  | X | X |  |  |  | X | X | X |  |  |
| 40 | M | 37 | 15 | - | - |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |  | X |  |  | X |  |
| 41 | F | 28 | 15 | 19 | N | X |  |  |  | X |  |  |  | X | X |  |  | X |
| 42 | M | 19 | 15 | - | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | X | X |  |  | X |
| 43 | F | 28 | 15 | - | - |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |  | X |  |  | X | X |
| 44 | F | 55 | 15 | 17 | N | X |  |  |  |  | X |  |  | X |  |  | X |  |
| 45 | M | 28 | 15 | - | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | X |  |  | X |  |
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