PATTERNS AND TRENDS IN FOODBORNE ILLNESS

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OVERVIEW

- Acknowledgements
- Foodborne disease surveillance
- Sporadic case trends
- Outbreak trends
- Trends in investigation and response

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- State, local, tribal and territorial government agencies
- Federal government agencies particularly CDC
- NoroCore
- PubMed

FOODBORNE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE

STATE AND LOCAL ROLES

- Surveillance:
 - laboratory
 - epidemiology
 - complaints
- Detection
- Investigation
- Response
- Most outbreaks are detected, investigated and reported by state and local agencies

SPORADIC CASE SURVEILLANCE



FOODBORNE DISEASES ACTIVE SURVEILLANCE NETWORK—2 DECADES OF ACHIEVEMENTS, 1996–2015



ANNUAL ILLNESS ESTIMATES – DOMESTICALLY-ACQUIRED¹

Agent	Illnesses	Deaths
Norovirus	5,462,000	149
Salmonella	1,026,000	378
Cl. perfringens	966,000	26
Campylobacter	845,000	76
Staph aureus	241,000	6
Shigella	131,000	10
STEC non-O157	113,000	0

1. Scallan E. *EID* 2011, 17(1):7-15

OUTBREAK SURVEILLANCE

RESTAURANT ASSOCIATED OUTBREAKS

NUMBER OF OUTBREAKS RETAIL OUTBREAKS AND TOTAL OUTBREAKS, 1998 - 2008





*Outbreaks may be counted more than once due to multiple preparation settings listed

Total Number of Outbreaks 1998-2008 With At Least One Preparation Location Listed: 12,903

Total Number of Outbreaks 1998-2008 With Retail-Setting Location Listed: 10,739





TOP 10 SINGLE FOOD COMMODITIES, RETAIL OUTBREAKS 1998–2008



TOP 10 CONTAMINATION FACTORS, RETAIL OUTBREAKS[~], 1998–2008



TOP 10 PROLIFERATION FACTORS, RETAIL OUTBREAKS, 1998–2008



TOP 5 SURVIVAL FACTORS, RETAIL OUTBREAKS, 1998–2008



MANUFACTURED FOODS & PRODUCE



REPORTED <u>OUTBREAKS</u> LINKED TO FDA-REGULATED FOODS, <u>BY AGENT</u>, 1996-2013 (N=615 OUTBREAKS)



REPORTED <u>ILLNESSES</u> LINKED TO FDA-REGULATED FOODS, <u>BY VEHICLE</u>, 1996-2013 (N=37,687 ILLNESSES)



REPORTED <u>ILLNESSES</u> LINKED TO FDA-REGULATED FOODS, <u>BY AGENT</u>, 1996-2013 (N=37,687 ILLNESSES)



TYPES OF <u>PRODUCE</u> ASSOCIATED WITH ILLNESSES, 1996-2013 (N=15,253)



Agents associated with **produce** outbreaks 1996-2013 (n=125) Leafy Greens - 31 *E. coli* O157:H7 Herbs - 1 34 (94.4%) Nut-1 Other [cucumber] - 1 E. coli *E. coli* 0145 36 (35.6%) 2 (5.6%) Leafy Greens - 2 Melon - 1 Shigella **Bacterial** Herbs-1 2 (2.0%) 101 (81%) Other [celery] - 1 Melon - 1 Listeria monocytogenes 2 (2.0%) Nut-4 Tomatoes - 18 Melons - 15 Salmonella Other-10 61 (48.8%) **Berries - 2** Leafy Greens - 5 **Unknown-7**

Agents associated with produce outbreaks, 1996-2013 (n=125); continued



PRODUCE ASSOCIATED OUTBREAKS, 1996-2013 (N=125)

- Of the 125 produce-associated outbreaks, the source of the produce included:
 - Imported product (29; 23.2%)
 - 55.2% was a product from Mexico
 - 34.5% were from Central and South America
 - 3.4% was from Canada
 - 6.9% was from Turkey
 - Unknown (29; 23.2%)
 - Inconclusive (18; 14.4%)
 - Domestic (49; 39.2%)



OUTBREAKS OF DISEASE ASSOCIATED WITH FOOD IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES, 1996–2014



OUTBREAKS ASSOCIATED WITH NONPASTEURIZED MILK, BY ETIOLOGIC AGENT AND YEAR, UNITED STATES, 2007–2012



RAW MILK OUTBREAKS BY STATE



OUTBREAKS ATTRIBUTED TO CHEESE: DIFFERE NCES BETWEEN OUTBREAKS CAUSED BY UNPASTEURIZED AND PASTEURIZED DAIRY PRODUCTS, UNITED STATES, 1998-2011



TEMPORARY & MOBILE FOOD OUTBREAKS

REPORTED US FOODBORNE DISEASE OUTBREAKS

- 17,339 reported foodborne disease outbreaks 1998 2013
- 129 outbreaks linked to TFE or mobile food
- 4,364 illnesses in these TFE or mobile outbreaks and no deaths





ORGANIC FOODS

- Consumption of organic foods increasing
- 18 outbreaks 1992 2014
- 779 illnesses, 258 hospitalizations, 3 deaths
- 56% of outbreaks were between 2010 and 2014
- Salmonella in 44% of outbreaks
- E coli OI57:H7 in 33% of outbreaks
- 8 produce, 4 unpasteurized dairy, 2 eggs, 2 nut and seed
- 83% likely or definitely USDA certified

NOROVIRUS



CULTURE OF NOROVIRUS: UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON MED SCHOOL



BURDEN OF NOROVIRUS IN THE US



SETTING OF NOROVIRUS OUTBREAKS REPORTED THROUGH THE NATIONAL OUTBREAK REPORTING SYSTEM (NORS), 2009-2012

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	Exposure setting	Number of Outbreaks	Percentage of Outbreaks	
	Health care facility	2189	62.7%	
7	Restaurant or banquet facility	771	22.1%	
Ĺ	School or day-care facility	214	6.1%	
	Private residence	69	1.9%	
	Other/multiple settings	251	7.2%	

Data on specific settings are restricted to outbreaks with a single exposure setting; for foodborne outbreaks, setting refers to the setting where implicated food was consumed.

SEASONALITY

NUMBER OF REPORTED NOROVIRUS OUTBREAKS, BY PRIMARY



Where do norovirus outbreaks from food contamination happen?

How contagious is norovirus?



Just a very small amount - as few as 18 viral particles - of norovirus on your food or your hands can make you sick.

Deservations.

In fact, the amount of virus particles that fit on the head of a pin would be enough to infect more than 1,000 people!

Source: Journal of Medical Virology, August, 2008



NEW YORK STATE TRENDS

Number of Foodborne Outbreaks, New York State 1980 – 2015



Reporting Year

TOP 10 CONTRIBUTING FACTORS IDENTIFIED IN FOODBORNE OUTBREAKS, NEW YORK STATE 2001-2015



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SPECIFIC CONTRIBUTING FACTORS **IDENTIFIED IN BACTERIAL OUTBREAKS, NEW YORK STATE 2001-2015**



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SPECIFIC CONTRIBUTING FACTORS IDENTIFIED IN VIRAL OUTBREAKS, NEW YORK STATE 2001-2015



183 Contributing Factors identified in 160 Viral Outbreaks

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS)

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORTING SYSTEM (NEARS)

- Identify environmental causes of outbreaks in your jurisdiction.
- Take follow-up action to reduce or prevent future foodborne illness outbreaks.
- Evaluate your food safety program and make improvements based on established guidelines.
- Develop or modify program policies or regulations.
- Focus limited program resources on actions with the highest impact.

COLLABORATIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF FMSA WORKSHOP ON ROOT-CAUSE ANALYSIS

- Develop a common understanding around root-cause analysis, including:
- o Definition and core components o Value and expectations for improving food safety
- Identify potential areas for improving root-cause analysis o What makes a successful root-cause analysis?
 What are common challenges and how they can be overcome?
- Extract more value from future root-cause analyses

 Examine approaches to overcoming common challenges to sharing lessons
 learned
- from root-cause analysis

 Propose additional next steps/actions

SUMMARY

- Foodborne Disease continues to be a significant public health problem
- Public health interventions can make a difference, but we still have a long way to go
- Norovirus is the leading cause of foodborne illness -restaurants
- Bacterial agents are the most common ones in FDA and USDA regulated foods
- Listeria will continue to be a problem as our population ages
- Produce will continue to be a significant vehicle
- Environmental Assessments will highlight the root causes that will need to be addressed