University at Albany School of Public Health
Presents:
Field Epi 101: Outbreak Investigation

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Oneida County Department of Health

Presenters: Stan Kondracki, retired NYSDOH Epidemiologist
and a NYSDOH Regional Epidemiologist

8:15 - 9:00 am  Check-in
9:00 - 9:20  Welcome & Icebreaker
9:20 - 10:00  Communication during Outbreaks
(This session includes several simulated phone conversations between the county rep, the physician and the regional epi. It will illustrate the importance of effective communication at all levels of an investigation.)

10:00 - 10:30  Review of Outbreak Steps / Exercise
(The ten steps of an outbreak investigation will be highlighted.)

10:30 - 10:45  Break

10:45 – 12:15  Shigellosis Outbreak
(This exercise is based upon an actual outbreak and allows the group to work through each step in the process of the investigation.)

12:15 – 1:00  Lunch on your own
1:00 – 1:15  Regional Epidemiologist Update
1:15 – 2:30  Shigellosis Outbreak cont.

2:30 – 2:45  Break

2:45 – 3:45  Control Measures for Single Cases and Small Outbreaks
(Select cases adapted from the files of the Regional Epidemiology Program include meningococcal disease in a day care center, hepatitis A in a bartender, legionellosis in nursing home, MRSA cluster in a county jail, others as time permits.)

3:45 – 4:00  Wrap up / Closing comments
Evaluation