

Salmonella Hadar in Spain
July-August 2005.

Lessons learnt

Group 1

Functions of an outbreak control team

Administrative

Scientific/Technical

Communication

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Identify team members (people & institutions: local and central) and roles (including head)
- Organisations (technical/competent bodies & authorities)
- Funding
- Legal aspects
- Logistics

COMMUNICATIONS

- Notify of the outbreak
- Appoint a spokesperson
- Clear communication channels between authorities
- National notification (ministries, food Safety Authorities)
- International notification
- Media
- Feedback

SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL

- Confirm the outbreak
- Case definition
- Active case finding
- Trawling questionnaire
- Descriptive epidemiology
- Generate hypothesis
- Analytical study
- Environmental investigation
- Final report
- Recommendations

CHARACTERISTICS

GENERAL	SPECIFIC	OUTBREAK CONTROL TEAM
Magnitude (numbers, geographic distribution)	Large & nationwide	Epidemiologists (local & national)
Severity	Low	
Affected population	Not specific	
Etiology & mode of transmission	Foodborne Zoonosis	Microbiologists, veterinarians, clinicians & food safety inspector.
Political /Economic implications	High	MOH management
Media interest	High	Spokesman

RECOMMENDATIONS

- To generate specific protocols
- Improve communication channels
- Human resources & allocations: emergency teams established & in different organizations.