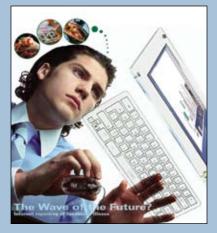
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Foodborne illnesses tend to be underreported, so the authors of this month's feature article, "Usage and Data Collection Patterns for a Novel Web-Based Foodborne-Disease Surveillance System," studied the use of a Web site on which individuals can report illnesses and enter their recent food histories. The thought bubbles on our cover show the kind of questions the Web site prompts users to ask themselves. Food histories collected in this manner generally were more complete than those collected over the phone by health department staff. The authors conclude that Internet reporting could supplement traditional methods of foodborne-illness surveillance by calling the attention of local health departments to patterns of disease that might warrant investigation. (See story on page 25)

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