Attributing Illness to Food
George Mason University
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8:00 – 8:30   **Registration**

8:30 - 8:40   **Welcome and Introductions**
Dr. Kristin Holt, FSIS, Moderator

Need For the Summit

8:40 – 8:55   **The Importance of Foodborne Illness Attribution Data and Charge to Participants**
Dr. Richard Raymond, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Dr. John O. Agwunobi, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

How Do We All Define and Use Attribution?

8:55 – 9:05   **Federal Agency Perspective**
Dr. David P. Goldman, Food Safety and Inspection Service

9:05 – 9:15   **Federal Agency Perspective**
Dr. Robert V. Tauxe, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

9:15 – 9:25   **Federal Agency Perspective**
Dr. Robert L. Buchanan, U.S. Food and Drug Administration

9:25 – 9:35   **State and FoodNet site Perspective**
Dr. Timothy F. Jones, Tennessee Department of Health and
Tennessee FoodNet Site

9:35 – 9:45   **Industry Perspective**
Ms. Jenny Scott, Grocery Manufacturers of America/Food Products Association

9:45 – 9:55   **Consumer Perspective**
Mr. Christopher Waldrop, Consumer Federation of America

9:55 – 10:15   **BREAK**

10:15 –- 10:45   **Additional Views on Definition**

Current Methods/Activities to Develop Attribution Data

10:45 – 10:55   **A Statistical Model for Attributing Human Salmonellosis to Meat, Poultry, and Eggs**
Dr. Chuanfa Guo, Food Safety and Inspection Service

Current Methods/Activities to Develop Attribution Data (continued)

10:55 – 11:05   **Using Data from Outbreak Investigations to Attribute Illness to Food**
Dr. Patricia Griffin, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

11:05 – 11:15   **Outbreak Alert Database**
Ms. Caroline Smith DeWaal, Center for Science in the Public Interest

11:15-11:25   **Using Data from Illnesses that Are Not Part of Outbreaks**
Dr. Fred Angulo, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

11:25 – 11:35   **Using Data from Expert Elicitation to Attribute Illness to Food**
Dr. Sandra Hoffmann, Resources for the Future

11:35 – 11:45   **Ranking Foodborne Risks under Uncertainty: Comparing Outbreak and Expert Attribution of Illnesses to Foods**
Mr. Michael Batz, University of Maryland

11:45 – 11:55   **Using Data at Retail**
Dr. David G. White, Center for Veterinarian Medicine, Food and Drug Administration

11:55 – 12:15   **Additional Views on Methods**

12:15 – 1:15   **LUNCH**

1:15 – 2:45   **Discussion**: Current Methods/Activities to Develop Attribution Data
Panel of questioners: Ms. Nancy Donley, Ms. Barbara Kowalcyk, Dr. Michael Rybolt
Dr. Skip Seward and Ms. Caroline Smith DeWaal

2:45 – 3:00   **BREAK**

Where do we go from here?

3:00 – 3:15   **FSIS Next Steps**
Dr. Daniel Engeljohn, Food Safety and Inspection Service

3:15 – 4:00   **Public Discussion on Next Steps**
Moderated by Dr. Kristin Holt, Food Safety and Inspection Service
        How Have We Used Attribution Data in the Past?
        How Could Agencies Use this Data in the Future?

4:00 – 4:20   **Other Comments**

4:20 – 4:30   **Closing Remarks**
Dr. David P. Goldman, Food Safety and Inspection Service