**Identifying Your Foodborne Outbreak Investigation Team**

- Examine the roles and responsibilities listed under each outbreak investigation team member.
- Insert your name and affiliation in the appropriate cell and the names of other investigation team members and their affiliations.
- Are there any regularly assigned responsibilities not included in the matrix? How might these gaps be filled?
- Are there other people routinely included on your outbreak investigation team? What do they do?

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<th>Roles and responsibilities</th>
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<th>Public Health Nurse</th>
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- Receives and interprets foodborne illness complaints from consumers
- Investigates suspected food or establishment
  - Interviews food workers and managers
  - Examines food handling and preparation
  - Identifies factors that resulted in contamination of food or survival and proliferation of contaminants
  - Collects environmental and food samples
  - Collects paperwork
- Implements control measures

- Analyzes pathogen-specific surveillance data and identifies clusters
- Characterizes outbreak cases by time, place, and person
- Plans epidemiologic studies
- Interviews cases and healthy controls
- Analyzes and interprets results of epidemiologic studies

- Interviews patients
- Collects clinical specimens from patients
- Administers questionnaires for epidemiologic studies
- Advises patients on how to prevent spread of illness
- Provides public health education

- Analyzes clinical, food, and environmental specimens
- Interprets test results
- Advises team about tests and collection, handling, storage, and transport of specimens
- Coordinates additional testing by partner labs

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