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If the PulseNet team finds matching bacterial fingerprints from several different patients, they alert epidemiologists right away. An epidemiologist helps find the cause of disease. They will ask people questions like, "Where did you eat?" and "When did you get sick?" to find out how and why they became ill. Everyone works hard to find out where the dangerous food came from and tries to make food safe again.