# Pulsed-Field Gel Electrophoresis PFGE: What does it do for you?

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# Pulsed-Field Gel Electrophoresis: Hospital to Division of Laboratory Services

- Patient seeks medical attention and specimen collection
- Testing at hospital or reference lab
- Positive for Salmonella, Shigella, E. coli, Campylobacter
- Isolate is sent to KY Division of Laboratory Services for serotyping and PFGE

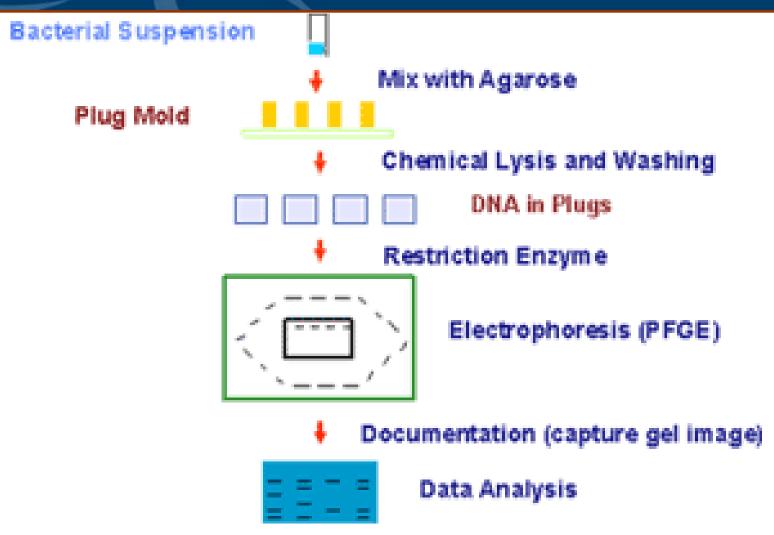
### At DLS

- Bacteriology lab will grow isolated colony:
  - If not isolated PFGE will not yield viable results
- PFGE lab after BaCT confirmation



http://blogs.cdc.gov/publichealthmatters/2009/07/not-a-typical-spring-weekend-seven salmonella-investigations/





http://www.cdc.gov



# **Steps of PFGE**

- Isolate Colony
- Prepare Buffers and Agarose
- Make Plugs
- Lysis of cells
- Wash Plugs
- Prepare and load gel



http://www.cdc.gov/features/dsPulseNetFoodbornellIness/



# **PFGE Steps Continued**

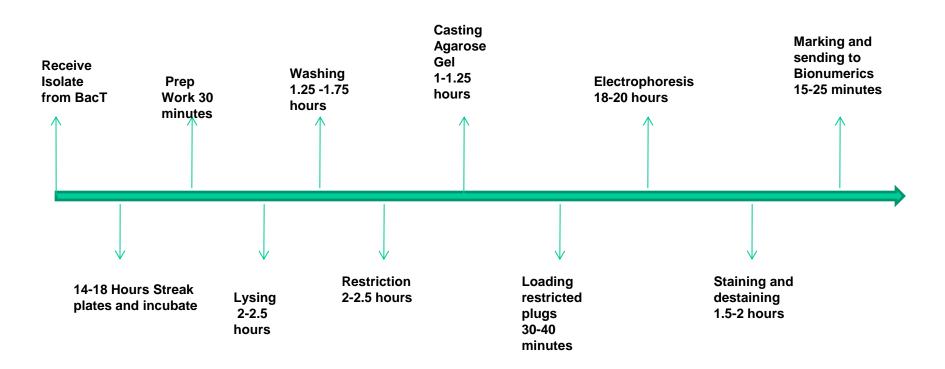
- Run Electrophoresis (18-19 hours)
- Imaging
- Analysis of image
- Send to CDC for pattern allocation



http://www.pulsenetinternational.org/networks/Pages/newzealand.aspx

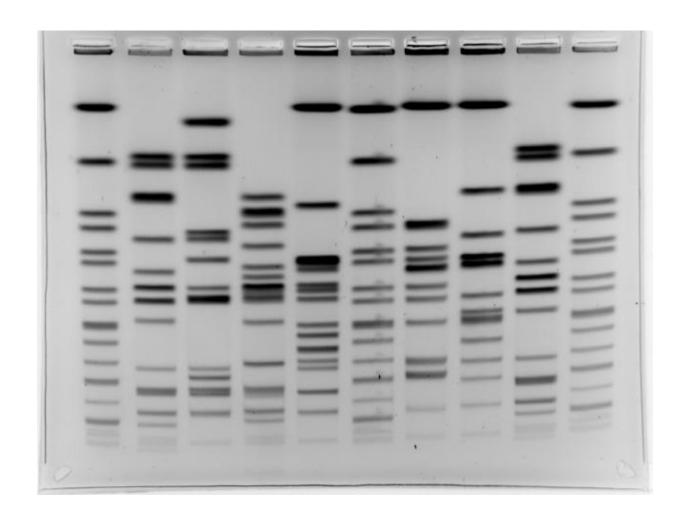


### Time Line





# Image for Analysis



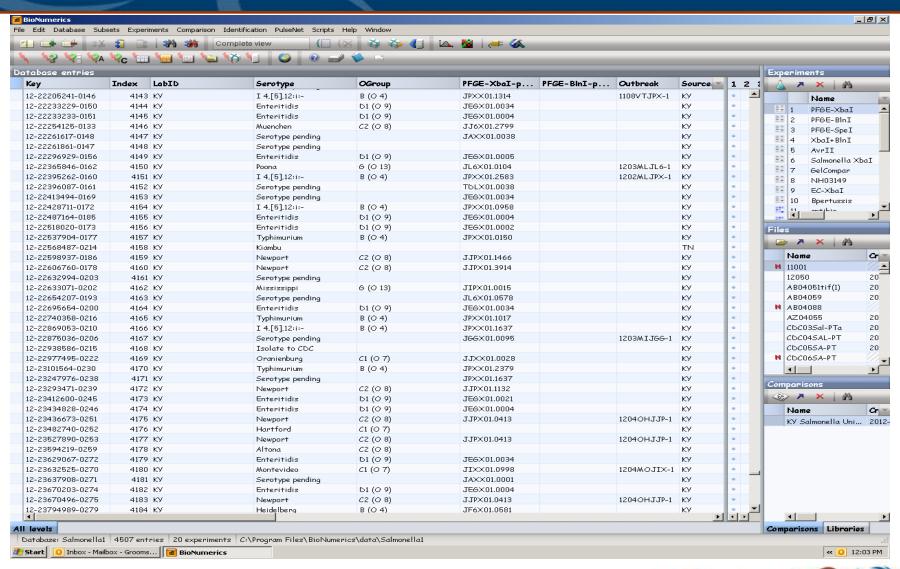


# Communication with CDC: Assigning Pattern Names

- Marked images are sent to CDC electronically
- Patterns retrieved by connecting to CDC server
- Can take several days for CDC to assign pattern to isolate



### **Bionumerics**

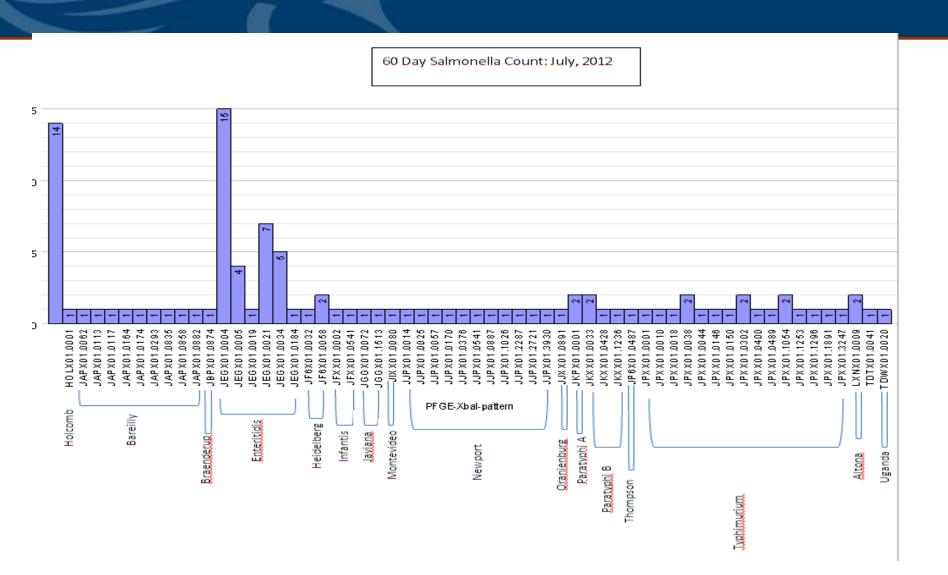




### Surveillance Activities

- Weekly surveillance: 60 day counts in BioNumerics
- Constant communication with Reportable Diseases Section
- Monthly meetings with Reportable Diseases







# Reporting a Cluster

- Salmonella: 3 or more isolates with matching PFGE patterns or 2x baseline for more common PFGE patterns
- E. Coli: report 2 or more isolates with matching PFGE pattern to PulseNet
- Shigella Sonnei: more than 3 isolates with matching PFGE patterns with additional investigation
- All other Shigella Serotypes: report all clusters with 2 more matching PFGE patterns



## **SharePoint Posting**



PulseNet

All Sites



PulseNet > Salmonella > (JEGX01.0021)\_KY\_Enteritidis

Discussion board for Salmonella

Started: 7/16/2012 3:19 PM

1650 (JEGX01.0021)\_KY\_Enteritidis

Epi has been informed.

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Actions -

Post

#### Salmonella (JEGX01.0021)\_KY\_Enteritidis

View All Site Content

#### Documents

- Library of PulseNet Documents
- Library of OutbreakNet Documents

#### Announcements

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- Troubleshooting BioNumerics

Key Id	County	Age	Sex	DOC
12-24035897- 0310	Nelson	71	F	4/12/2012
12-25177232- 0453	Jefferson	70	М	5/13/2012
12-25474154- 0522	Casey	52	F	6/5/2012
12-25575475- 0533	Boone	19	F	6/6/2012
12-25576212- 0534	Boone	34	F	6/8/2012
12-25588219- 0544	Fayette	31	F	6/5/2012
12-25692918- 0556	Grant	7	М	6/11/2012

KY appears to have a cluster of 7 S. enteritidis that match by XbaI. Key ID are as follows:

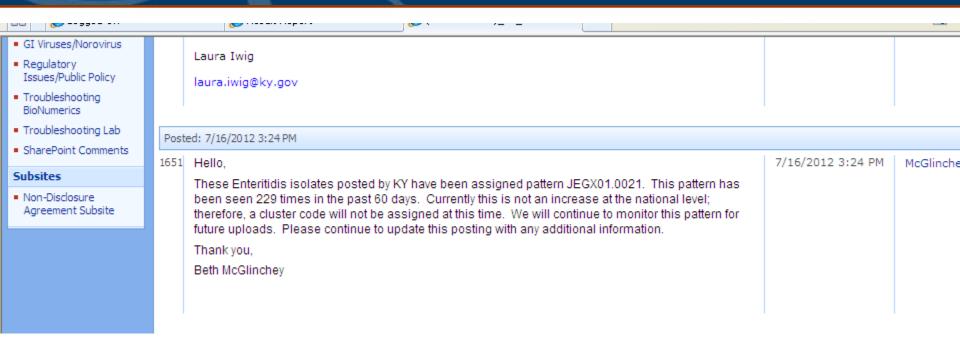
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# **SharePoint Response**





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#### Subsites

 Non-Disclosure Agreement Subsite 1533 1207KYJBP-1 (JBPX01.0874)\_KY\_Braenderup

Good Afternoon,

KY appears to have a cluster of S. Braenderup. This pattern is new to the KY database. Key ID and collection date are as follows:

Key ID	County	Age	Sex	DOC
12-25349231-	Boyle	22	F	05/31/2012
0491				
12-25527771-	Jefferson	5	M	06/03/2012
0527				
12-25535369-	Christian	23	M	06/04/2012
0557				
12-25639570-	Hardin	0-21 M	M	06/08/2012
0548				

The bundle file is attached.

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## **SharePoint Posting**

Posted: 7/9/2012 10:28 AM

1534 Hello Everyone,

Kentucky initially posted their original message on 6/28/2012 and the cluster was observed for a week before assigning a cluster code.

This cluster of Salmonella Braenderup has been given the cluster code 1207KYJBP-1. The PFGE XbaI Pattern associated with this cluster is JBPX01.0874, comprising 0%(0/6537) of S. Braenderup isolates in the database.

In the last 60 days, this pattern has been seen 8 times from the following states:

SourceStates: AK, KY (4), NC, VA, WV; LabIDs: AK, KY (4), NC, VA, WV.

Please find attached a line list and bundle file.

The pattern associated with this cluster (JBPX01.0874) is a new pattern in the Salmonella database. Please continue to post updates and epi information.

Thank You,

Sung Im PulseNet Database Administration Team

Phone: (404) 639-4558 PulseNet: (404) 639-4558 7/9/2012 10:28 AM

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# **Special Requests**

- In outbreak situations, isolates can be prioritized
- PFGE process cannot be sped up (3-4 day process)



### Thanks to:

- Joshua Tobias, PhD
- William Grooms





# **Questions?**



