

# Mock Oral Exam Question

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## **Stem:**

You are a regional Medical Health Officer and it is flu season. Your seasonal influenza vaccine campaign began last month and uptake has been good. You receive a call from Dr. Hepner a neurologist who provides care throughout your district. She is concerned that she has seen 2 confirmed cases of Guillaine-Barre Syndrome (GBS) over the last 6 weeks and is investigating a current patient for the same. She tells you that this is more than she generally sees and is concerned, particularly given that the flu vaccine is currently being administered.

## **Question:**

Part A - How do you respond to Dr. Hepner's concern?

Part B - What resources would you draw upon if you chose to do a cluster investigation?

Part C - What factors would influence the rigour of cluster investigation you would perform?

## **Responses:**

Post your thoughts on the responses to the Facebook Group for discussion:  
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