Decision Tree for ACE Investigations

Require exposure, health status, response, communication, and/or needs data

Yes ↓

Can learn what is needed without survey(s)

Require hospital response data

Yes ↓

Perform hospital survey at all responding hospitals

Yes ↓

Medical chart data is needed

No ↓

Determine survey method(s)
- Face-to face interview
- Telephone interview
- Responder-administered pen and paper survey
- Mailed survey
- On-line survey

→ Medical chart data is needed

Yes ↓

- Perform medical chart review

Yes ↓

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Can survey target group(s) within ~2 weeks

Yes ↓

Determine level of data needed and perform appropriate survey(s):
- Epi CASE
- General Survey
- Household Survey

No ↓

Select sample(s)

Community ↓

Sample households

Workplace ↓

- Simple random sample
- Stratified random sample
- Convenience sample

Yes ↓

- Simple random sample
- Stratified random sample
- Two stage cluster sample

No ↓

- Interview subgroup (e.g. those who sought medical care)
- Convenience sample