Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report Presentation

1. Choose one of the 28 MMWR topics listed below. Just click on the hyperlink (on a Windows computer press Ctrl button while left clicking) and you will be directed to the article (make sure that the article title corresponds with the title on the list; if it does not, please email me as soon as you can so that I can correct the problem).

2. The presentation is worth 70 points, and must be at least 5 minutes long (If your presentation is not within the time frame, I will deduct points as follows: 1. less than 5 minutes = 5 point deduction. 2. Less than 4 minutes = 10 pts. 3. Less than 3 minutes = 15 pts. 4. Less than 2 minutes = 20 pts. If it goes more than 5½ minutes, I will have to stop you but I will not deduct points).

3. - Try to present the main points of the article (you may not be able to touch on everything; that’s okay) you should include the Editorial Note in your presentation if there is one.

- Open your talk by briefly describing the disease (no more than 1 to 2 minutes; in order to discuss the disease you may research from another source if you wish)

- Explain any scientific terms that you use (because your audience may not know those terms)

- Do not cite too many statistics (that would get boring; although some articles will require citing more statistics than other articles)

- You most likely will have to discuss the epidemiology of the case(s) (meaning the investigation by authorities into the disease outbreak in their attempt to discover things like: what’s the source of the infecting microbe, how many people were exposed, what was the time frame, etc.)

4. You will be graded based on the following:

a. Number 3 above.

b. Clear and concise - Your presentation must be clear and concise; do not try to fit too much information into your talk (nor too little); you should speak at a comfortable pace so that your audience can follow easily. You do not necessarily have to cover the entire article.

c. NOT “reading” your presentation - You may use one index card with the key points of the talk written out. You should not write a ton of material on the card. I do not want you to simply read directly from the card (if you do that, it will make me think that you didn’t really prepare enough; you should read the article multiple times so that its ingrained in your mind). \*If you have more than one index card you will have 5 points automatically deducted from your presentation score.

d. Answering post-presentation questions - You may be asked questions from

me and/or the class following your talk (don’t worry, not many if any).

e. Emailing your topic choice by the due date (see below). If you do not email your topic by the due date you will have 8 points deducted from your presentation score (that's one letter grade!).

5. You MUST email me (from your ATLAS account) your topic choice on or before Sunday September 8. In your message just indicate the topic **number,** **NOT** the topic title. Send your top 3 choices in order of preference (once you email me your topic choice, you will not be able to change it; topics are first come first served so I recommend selecting one and emailing me as soon as possible; if you do not email me your topic by the due date, I will select one for you and email you the topic number; and remember I will deduct 8 points for missing the due date). Please type "MMWR topic" in the Subject box of your message. After receiving your topic choice I will email reply indicating which topic you can do. So, you should check your messages to see if I have authorized your choice, or if you need to select another one. If you submit your topic at the last minute and it is taken, I will choose an available topic for you but I will not deduct points. I will assign presentation dates in class.

6. If you present the wrong topic you will have 10 points automatically deducted from your score.

7. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

PRESENTATION TOPICS – If some numbers are missing that is because those topics have been taken already.

20. [Varicella Outbreak Among Vaccinated Children --- Nebraska, 2004](http://cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5527a3.htm)

23. [Gastrointestinal Anthrax after an Animal-Hide Drumming Event --- New Hampshire and Massachusetts, 2009](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5928a3.htm?s_cid=mm5928a3_w)

24. [Outbreak of Cutaneous *Bacillus cereus* Infections Among Cadets in a University Military Program --- Georgia, August 2004](http://cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5448a3.htm)

25. [Severe *Clostridium difficile*--Associated Disease in Populations Previously at Low Risk --- Four States, 2005](http://cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5447a1.htm)

26. [*Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Respiratory Tract Infections Associated with Contaminated Ultrasound Gel Used for Transesophageal Echocardiography — Michigan, December 2011–January 2012](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6115a3.htm?s_cid=mm6115a3_w)