Project Questions

Adjoining Questions (Suggested):

- How does the flu relate to other hospital admissions or deaths?

- Are there ways to decrease flu admissions or deaths (such as flu shots)?

Elevation Questions (Suggested):

- Can the government (or workplaces, schools, health departments, etc.) do something to help prepare for the flu nationally (hand washing public health campaigns, flu shots, etc.)?

- How does the flu impact the community, for instance, school and work attendance?

Clarifying and Funnelling Questions:

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Suggested Questions (CareerFoundry)	Which states are most affected by influenza?	• Are there any noticeable trends as to the number of hospitalised patients from the flu each year? o Are patient numbers rising, falling, or consistent?
	When is flu season?	• Is flu season the same length every year? • Is flu season only once a year? • Does every state experience flu season for the same duration and in the same months of the year?
	Which states have the most residents in vulnerable populations?	
My Questions	Does influenza affect each vulnerable population to the same extent?	• Are more staff needed for certain types of patients? • Are specific types of staff required for different vulnerable populations (aged care, paediatrics, etc. – or is this outside the scope of the agency?) • How long is influenza treated for in severe cases?
	How flexible is the staffing plan during flu season?	• Can staff be reassigned if flu season settles in their current state but ramps up in another? • Are their limits to how many on-call staff are available in each state or how far staff can be relocated? What are these limits?

Privacy and Ethics:

- Are there any privacy laws I need to comply with when collecting, storing, or analysing patient data? (e.g., ensuring anonymity/confidentiality)
- Am I needing to collect any data or am I simply dealing with publicly available statistics?
- Are there any legal implications for using historical medical data to plan for the use of hospital resources?