**Background Research Graphic Organizer**

**Suggested Sources:**

* CDC (Centers for Disease Control & Prevention)
* National Institute of Health (NCBI, NIH, PubMed Health, MedLine)
* WebMD
* Mayo Clinic
* NY Times Health, CNN Health, etc.
* Any **.edu** sites, **.gov** sites are usually okay
* PDFs of data/findings from studies by reputable institutions or organizations
* Other valid, reliable, aligned sites *(use a critical eye)*

**INFORMATION ORGANIZER:**

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| **1. Define the problem** | -Identify the pathophysiology (**disease process**) in the body-Identify **symptoms,** **prognosis** (expected outcome), and possible **treatments**-Identify basic **preventative recommendations** or **screenings** available |  |
| **2. Establish the extent of the problem** | -Summarize the **prevalence** (including appropriate **demographic breakdown**)-Explain **trends** in the spread, increase, or decrease of the disease over time |  |
| **3. Establish the scope of the problem** | -**Background** information (provide historical context, relate to current issues, etc.)-Identify the **impact** (effects/costs/outcomes) of the problem |  |
| **4. Discuss the factors that impact the problem** | -Identify the **risk factors,** causes & triggers-Identify possible/proposed **solutions** to the problem |  |
| **Other Information** |  |  |

*Use additional paper to take notes if needed!*