

Lyme Disease



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Lyme Disease



- Lyme disease (LD) is an infection caused by *Borrelia burgdorferi*, a type of bacterium called a spirochete that is carried inside the stomachs of ticks.



- These ticks are in turn, carried by deer, mice and chipmunks.

Treatment Possibilities

- **Antibiotics**
- **Heat,**
- **Diet,**
- **Exercise,**
- **Herbs**
- **Acupuncture**
- **Stress Relief**

Natural Lyme Disease Treatment Protocol

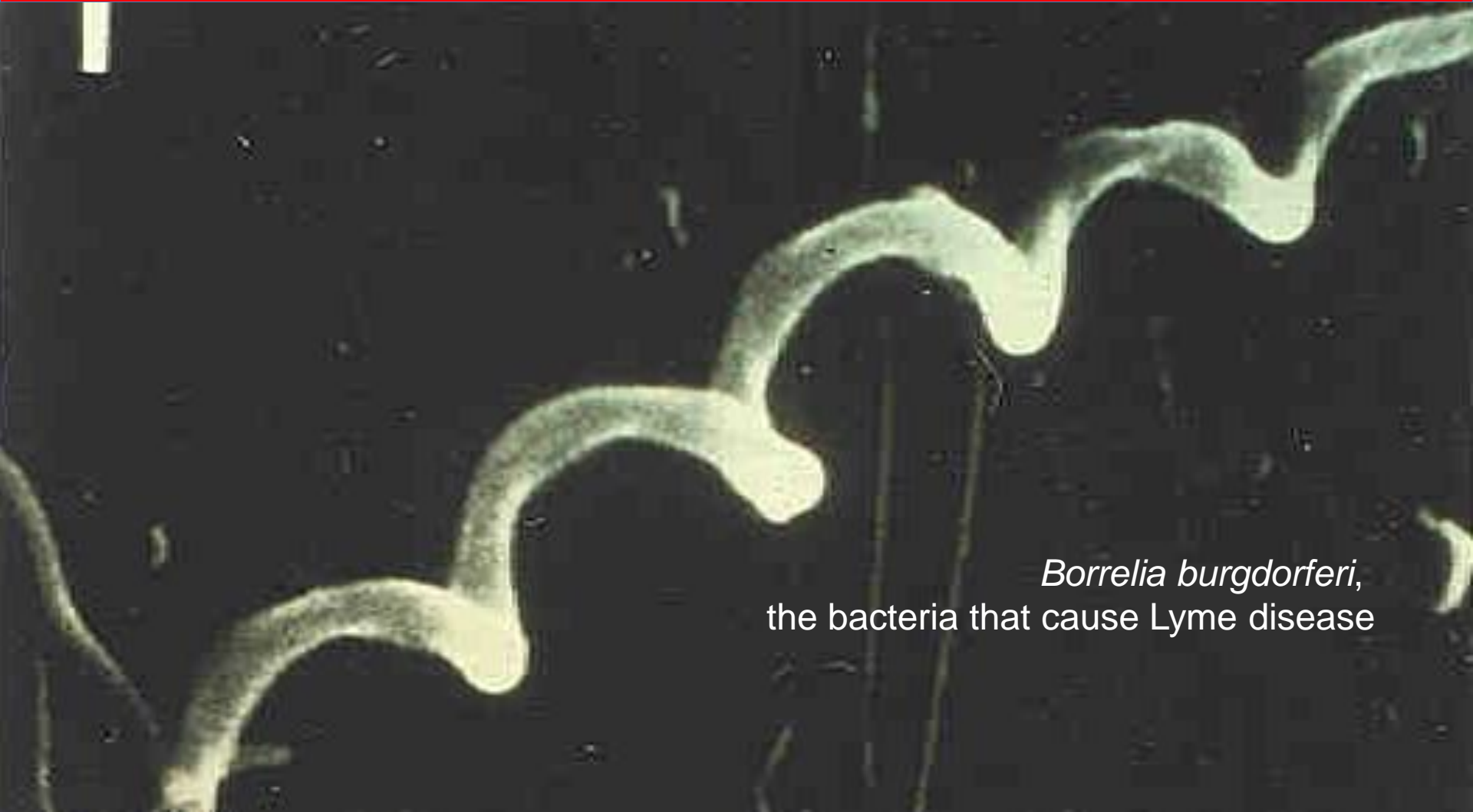
- **LD Support**
(1 capsule for 25 lbs. for 3 - 6 months)
- **Bio Film Breakdown**
(1 capsule for 25 lbs. for 3 - 6 months)
- **SGS-Brocco** (1 capsule per day)

Natural Lyme Disease Immune Nourishing



- **Power Shrooms**
(1 capsule for 50 lbs. for 3 - 6 months)

Borrelia burgdorferi



Borrelia burgdorferi,
the bacteria that cause Lyme disease

Lyme Disease



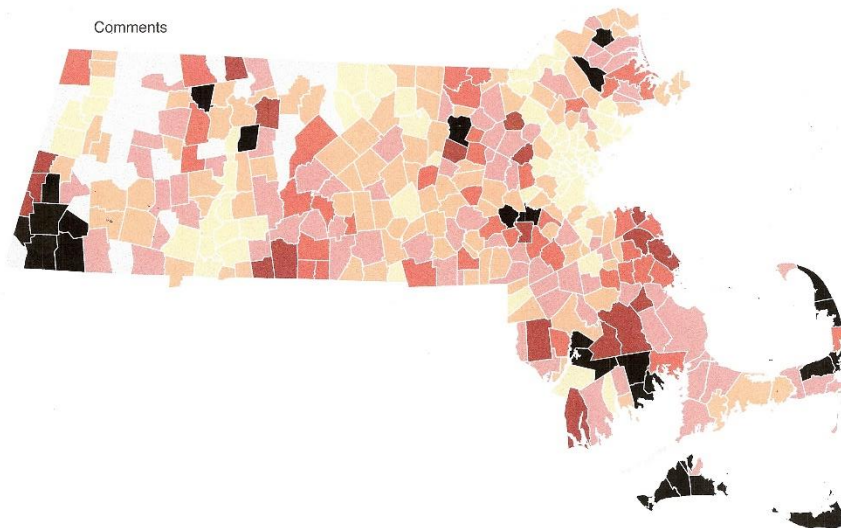
- **There will be 40,000 new infections of Lyme disease this year in Massachusetts. 12,000 of those infected, will go on to Chronic persistent Lyme disease!**
- Lyme disease (LD) is a multisystem infection caused by *Borrelia burgdorferi*, a type of bacterium called a spirochete that is carried inside the stomachs of ticks.
- These ticks are in turn, carried by deer, mice and chipmunks. The reservoir for the bacterium is believed to be white footed mice.

Lyme Rates of Human Infection in Eastern MA

Lyme disease rates in Massachusetts

A town-by-town look at reported confirmed & probable cases per 100,000 residents between 2010 and 2014.

0 OR NOT AVAILABLE 1-50 50-100 100-150 150-200 200-250 250+



SOURCE: Massachusetts Department of Public Health

| <u>TOWN</u> | <u>per 100,000</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Cohasset | 228.66 |
| Situate | 162.14 |
| Hanover | 187.33 |
| Norwell | 226.51 |
| Hingham | 159.77 |
| Duxbury | 185.94 |
| Plymouth | 139.19 |
| Marthas Vineyard | 400+ |
| Nantucket | 500+ |

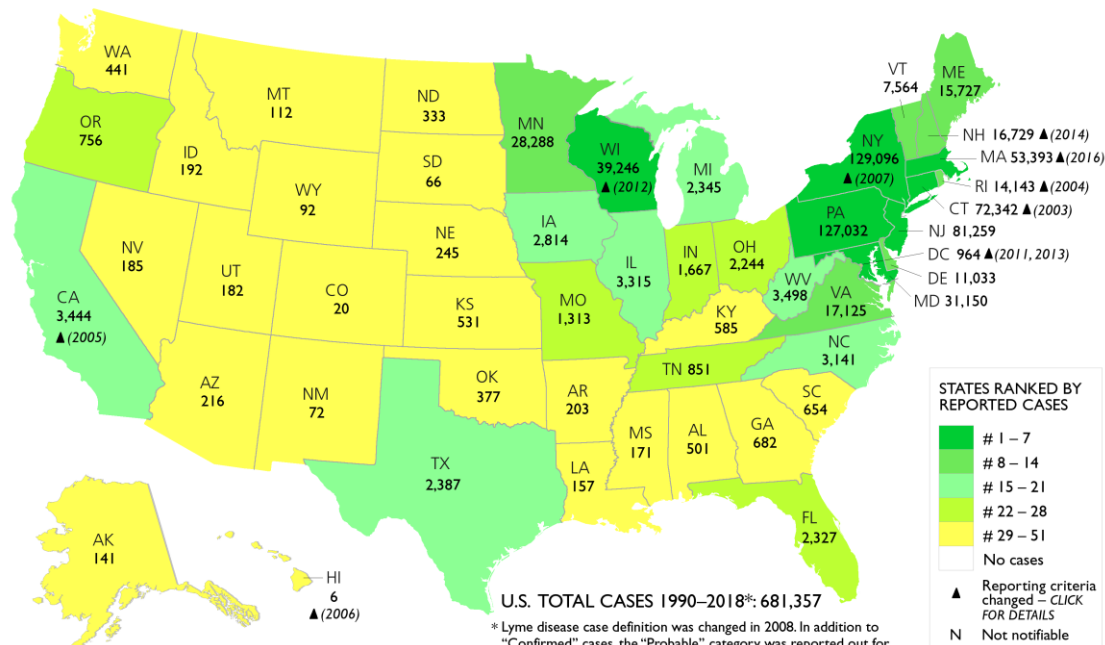
THE CDC DEFINITION OF AN “EPIDEMIC” IS ANYTHING OVER
25 CASES / 100,000 POPULATION

Slide courtesy of Bob Giguere, IgeneX Labs

Lyme Disease in the US

Humans

LYME DISEASE ASSOCIATION (LDA) U.S. LYME DISEASE REPORTED CASES 1990–2018*



* Lyme disease case definition was changed in 2008. In addition to "Confirmed" cases, the "Probable" category was reported out for the first time. Cases for 2008 forward are the CDC "Total" reported cases (confirmed plus probable). In 2011, CDC changed case definition to include positive CSF antibody tests.

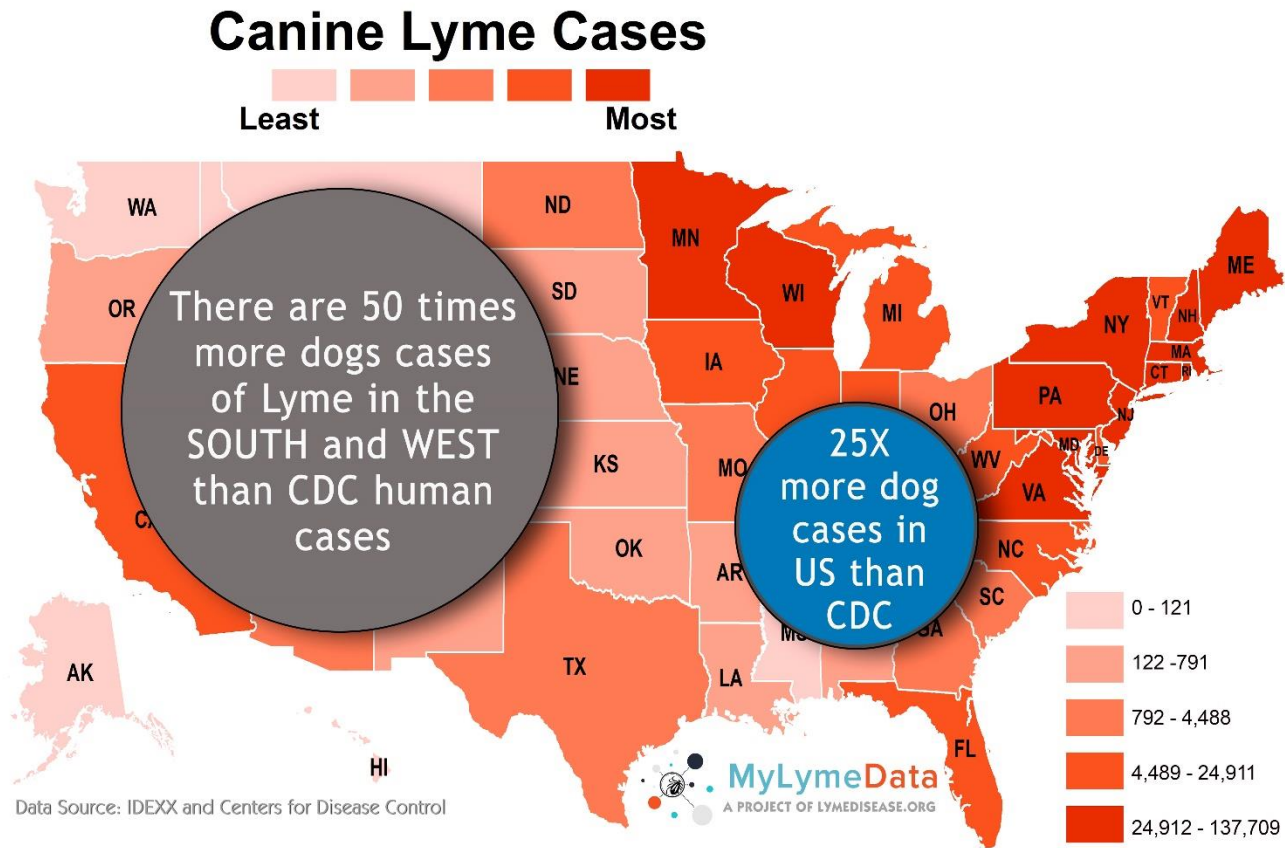
Note: CDC has stated, and confirmed in 2013, that only 10% of Lyme disease cases meeting the surveillance definition are reported—for example, if 30,000 cases are reported, 300,000 cases occurred (number does not include all the cases falling outside the stringent surveillance case definition).



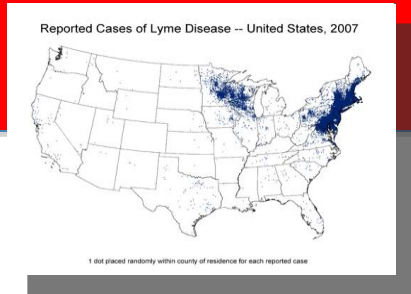
Source: Data compiled from CDC pub. data (MMWR/DVBD)
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Lyme Disease in the US

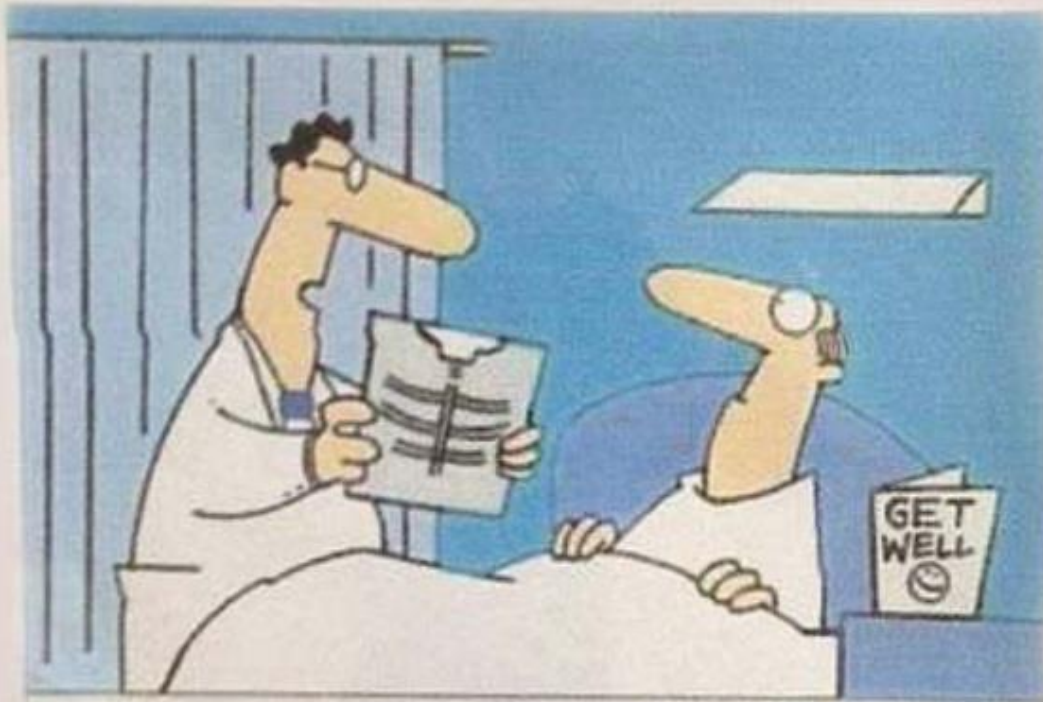
Canine maps predict Lyme disease risk better than the CDC does.



Lyme Disease in the US



- **More than 300,000 cases of Lyme disease are reported to CDC every year**, (the most commonly reported tick-borne illness in the United States), the CDC says. But some reports have suggested it is far more common than that
- **Up to 20 percent of patients have long-term symptoms**, (CDC)
- **At least 40,000 new infections a year in Massachusetts** (Boston Globe)



**The bad news is...you have
Lyme disease. The good news is,
I don't believe in that disease
so you're fine!**

Antiquity of *Borrelia burgdorferi*

DNA preserved in amber in the Dominican Republic

- **15 Million Years Ago:**
15-million-year-old tick has revealed that the bacteria that causes the disease has been around much, much longer than the human race.
- The discovery was made by George Poinar, Jr. from Oregon State University, and the findings were published in [Historical Biology](#).



Antiquity of *Borrelia burgdorferi*

DNA preserved in Iceman in the Austria/Italian Alps

- **5,300 Years ago**
Austria and Italy about 5,300 years ago. DNA evidence revealed that Ötzi was in poor health prior to his death and was infected with Lyme disease.
- This is the **oldest known evidence of a human to have the disease.**



Antiquity of *Borrelia burgdorferi*

DNA in saved ticks and skin
of mice and foxes



- **1884 Europe:**

Lancet 1995 Nov 18; 346(8986): 1367. Antiquity of the Lyme-disease spirochaete in Europe [letter]. Matuschka et al.

In **1884-88 Ixodes ticks** attached to a fox are collected and preserved in Austria. Two of them are later found to be infected with *B. burgdorferi*.

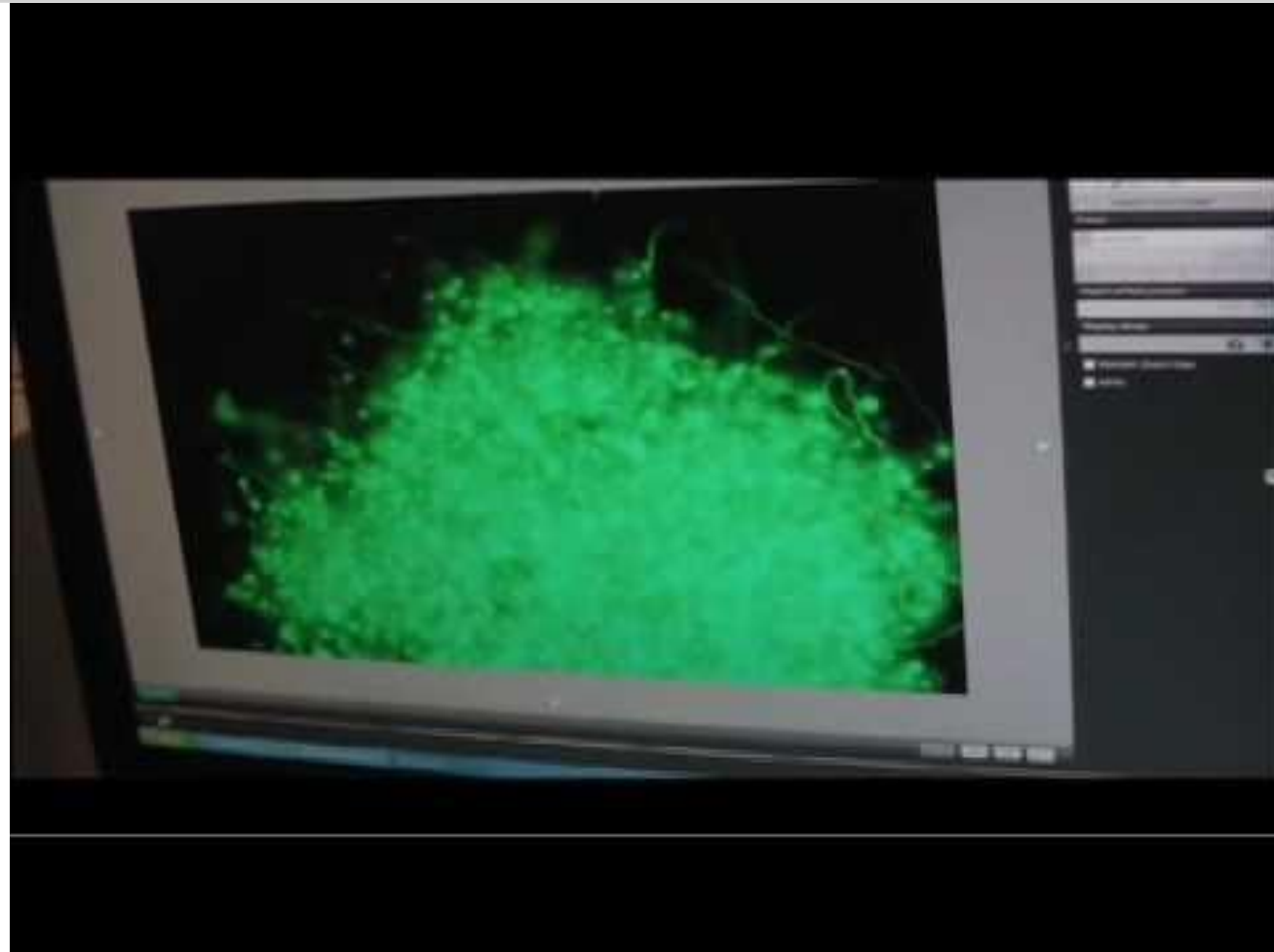
- **1894 USA:**

J Infect Dis 1994 Oct; 170(4): 1027-32. Detection of *Borrelia burgdorferi* DNA in museum specimens of *Peromyscus leucopus*. Marshall et al.

In **1894** a researcher from a Massachusetts museum collects and preserves **white-footed mice**. DNA from *B. burgdorferi* (*ospA*) was later detected in ear skin samples from 2 mice from Dennis, Massachusetts.

Lyme Disease Spirochete in Biofilm mass... video

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4uNDWdChM8>
- Start at 2:08 minutes
- Lyme bacteria are able to shroud their colonies with protective biofilms and this may explain why these pathogens can be so difficult to eradicate with short courses of antibiotics



Lyme Disease Spirochete in Biofilm mass



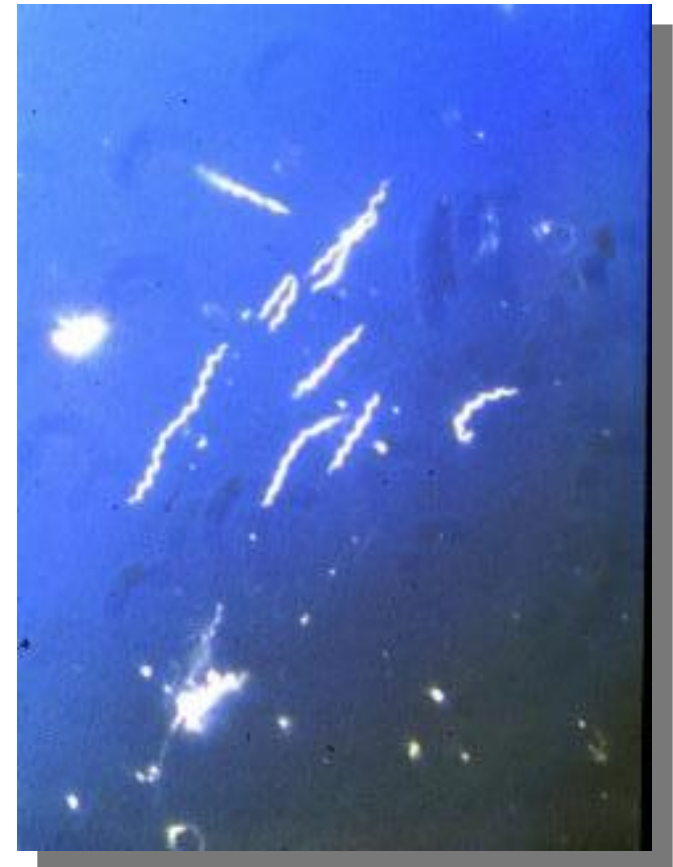
- Biofilms are slimy combinations of various substances which attach to the wall of a cell and **act as a “blanket” for Lyme disease to hide behind.**

When a biofilm forms to cover Lyme microbes, it may end up shielding those microbes from detection and treatments. This means that when tests are conducted to find Lyme, they could end up showing false negatives. It also makes treatment by antibiotics and herbal protocols much more difficult.

In order to get rid of Lyme disease that is protecting itself behind biofilms, you need to first get rid of the biofilm

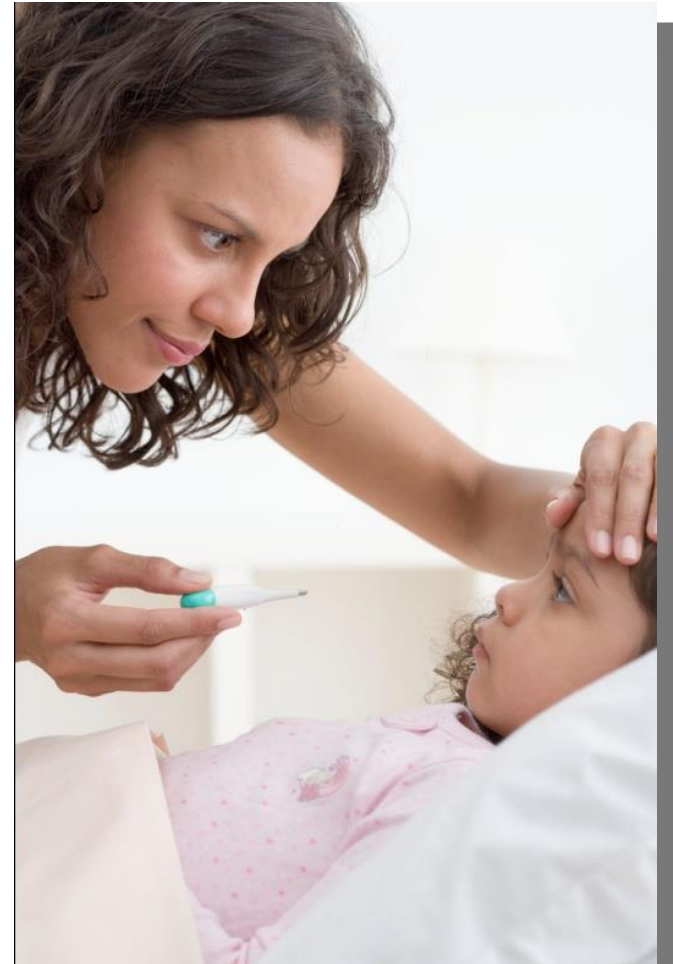
Lyme Disease Symptoms

- Lyme disease is a bacterial infection caused by the spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi*.
- This organism attacks various organ systems in the body:
 - **Nervous System** (*Bell's palsy, meningitis, jabbing pain, numbness*)
 - **Activity System** (*arthritis, migratory, joint pain, swelling*)
 - **Circulatory System** (*heart block, rhythm abnormalities, pain*)



Human Lyme Disease Symptoms

- Symptoms typically appear 2 – 30 days after the bite of an infected tick.
- Early symptoms:
 - Expanding "bull's-eye" rash
 - Flu-like Symptoms
 - Fever
 - Malaise
 - Fatigue
 - Headache
 - Muscle aches
 - Joint aches



Lyme Disease; Bull's eye rash

“Bull's eye rash,” the known indicator that we've had a tick bite.
The “bull's-eye” usually appears 3 to 30 days after infection;
however this is not fool proof; only 30-50% of those infected
have had such a rash.



Lyme Disease Symptoms, Acute and Chronic



- Arthritic-like symptoms
- **Chronic Symptoms** can range from:
- Meningitis
- Bell's palsy
- Heart problems
- Nervous system abnormalities
- Neurological complications
- Headaches
- Depression
- Memory
- Insomnia

Lyme Disease Symptoms

- Gradual onset
- Multi system
- Migratory
- Stiff Joints
- Headaches with stiff, painful, crepitant neck
- Subnormal temperature in AM
- Afternoon Fevers
- 4 week cycles



Swollen knee of a youth with Lyme arthritis.

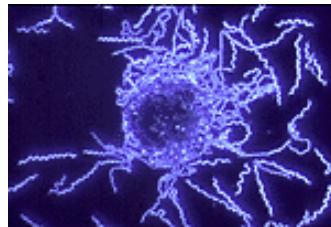
Symptom list courtesy of Bob Giguere of IgeneX

Clinical Features

Ixodes tick



Borrelia burgdorferi (Bb)



Erythema migrans



Arthritic knee (Single joint)



Early Lyme Disease

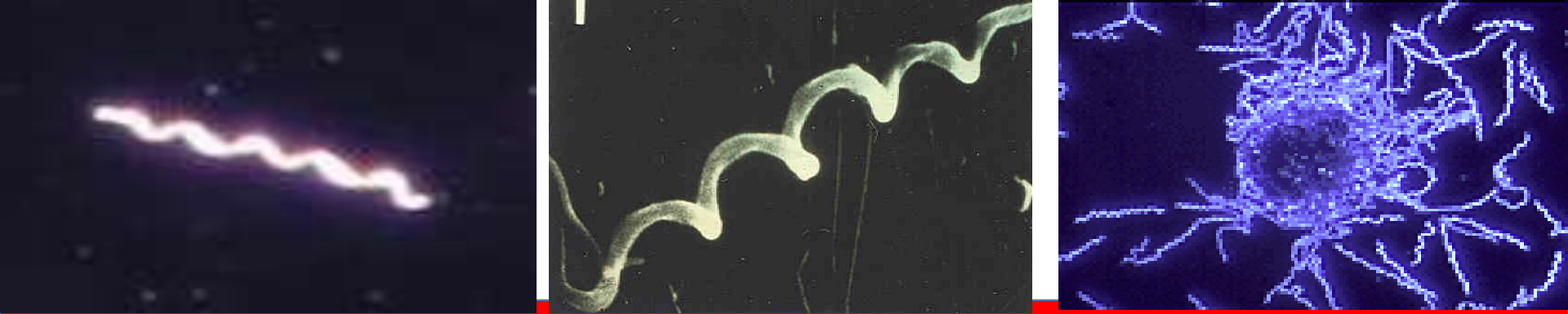
- Erythema migrans (localized and multiple)
- Flu-like illness

Early Disseminated Lyme Disease

- Neurologic – cranial neuropathy, meningitis, radiculoneuropathy
- Joint – Acute, inflammatory large joint arthritis
- Carditis

Late Lyme Disease

- Neurologic – peripheral neuropathy, encephalopathy
- **Chronic arthritis**

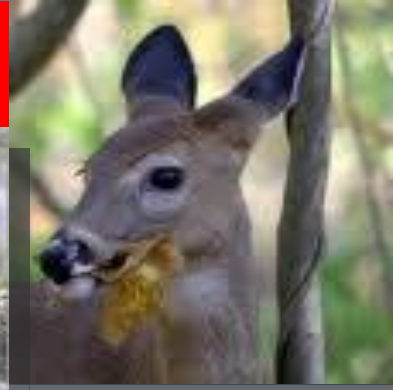


LD is called the “*New Great Imitator*”

Like syphilis, it attacks multiple organ systems and mimics many diseases. (Both diseases are caused by a spirochete.) If ignored, the early symptoms may disappear but more serious problems can develop months, even years later. LD has been linked to over 300 diseases including Parkinson’s, MS, ALS, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Fibromyalgia.



Prevention



- **Companion Animals** should **Not** be allowed in bedrooms or on furniture.
- **Landscaping**, remove leaves and clear brush and tall grass.
- **Reduce and manage deer** populations.
- **Avoid tick-infested areas**, especially in May, June, and July.
- **Wear light-colored clothing, use insect repellent.** (Rose Geranium oil is an option.)
- **After being outdoors, remove clothing and wash down.**

Borrelia burgdorferi



- Lyme bacteria normally lives in mice, squirrels and other small rodents.
- Transmission to pets and people is by the deer tick (Ixodid).
- Deer transport the tick but apparently do not get the infection.
- Increased deer populations in small areas in heavily populated states.

Tick Removal



- Do not burn or use any substance on tick
- Do not grasp, squeeze, or twist body of tick
- Grasp tick close to the skin with tweezers
- Pull tick straight out and put in jar of alcohol to kill it
- Use antiseptic on skin
- Disinfect tweezers and wash hands thoroughly
- Call M.D. if any flu like symptoms or rash occur

Don't squeeze the stomach contents (possibly containing Lyme Spirochetes) into the blood stream

Black-Legged Ticks

Adult Female:

Reddish body size comparable to a sesame seed

Adult Male:

Slightly smaller than female completely dark brown

Nymphs:

Size comparable to that of a poppy seed

Larva:

Size smaller than that of a pin head

Larva cannot transmit Lyme Disease!



From left to right: Adult female, adult male, nymph, larva

American Dog Tick



- Reddish-brown coloring
- Silver-grey marking on its back
- Moves around vigorously
- May cause Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, but does not carry the Lyme Disease bacteria

Lone Star Tick



Male and female Lone Star Tick

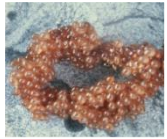
- Conspicuous white marking
- Reddish-brown color
- More circular in shape
- Elongated mouthparts
- May transmit Ehrlichiosis or STARI

The Tick Life Cycle

Year One

Spring

eggs



Summer

larvae



Autumn

Winter

Year Two

Spring

nymphs



Summer

adults



Autumn

Winter



Adults mate,
produce eggs & die

Borrelia burgdorferi



Indications of Cats & Dogs



Cats

Cats may show lameness, fever, loss of appetite, fatigue, eye damage, unusual breathing, or heart involvement. Many cats do not show noticeable symptoms, despite being infected.

Dogs

Infected dogs may be lethargic, have a poor/loss of appetite, or a fever (103° - 105 F). Dogs may also experience lameness shifting from one joint to another, fatigue, kidney damage or failure, heart disorders, or neurologic involvement (e.g. aggression, confusion, overeating, seizures). Dogs can be infected with the Lyme bacterium but not exhibit any noticeable symptoms. Dogs appear to have the same expression of disease as humans, therefore, humans have been considered an animal model for dogs. Transplacental transmission has occurred in dogs.

Presence of Co-Infections that go along on LD's ride

- Other tick-borne infections can further complicate an already complex picture.
- Bb may be co-transmitted with *Babesiosis*, *Ehrlichiosis*, and *Bartonella* co-infections.
- **One study found, that 1-in-5** were seropositive for Bb also *Ehrlichiosis* (DeMartino, Carlyon et al. 2001). 10%-to-60% for *Babesiosis* (Rubel, 2003c; Kraus, McKay et al, 2002).

D'Arcy Lyme Disease Protocol

“Stagnation is the Enemy”

Diet, Exercise, Herbs Acupuncture

“Every organism tries to create the optimum environment within which it will thrive”

Lyme loves...

- stagnation
- inactivity
- lack of circulation of blood (& Qi)
- hypo-thyroidism
- slow metabolisms

D'Arcy Lyme Disease Protocol

“Stagnation is the Enemy”

“Deny the Lyme spirochete, the environment that supports it.”

Integrative Lyme Disease Treatment Protocol

Antibiotics, 1 month

Lyme Support Herbs

(2 to 4 capsules, 3 times daily) 3 - 6 months

LD Co-infection Support Herbs

(2 capsules, three times daily) 6 months

Multi-Probiotics, (one capsule, three times daily)

1 month

Broccoli Sprouts, (for Herxheimer)

1-5 x day



D'Arcy Lyme Disease Protocol

Herbs – Work Against Lyme



#4. Herbs Against Lyme

Herbal Support Possibilities **Against Lyme**

- **LD-Support** Formula
- **LD-CO** Formula
- **Biofilm Breakdown** Formula
- **SGS-Brocco**, support against “Herx” reactions
- Minor Bupleurum
- Teasel
- Tienchi Notoginseng

D'Arcy Lyme Disease Protocol

Herbs Against Lyme



Herbal Support Options: **Immune System**

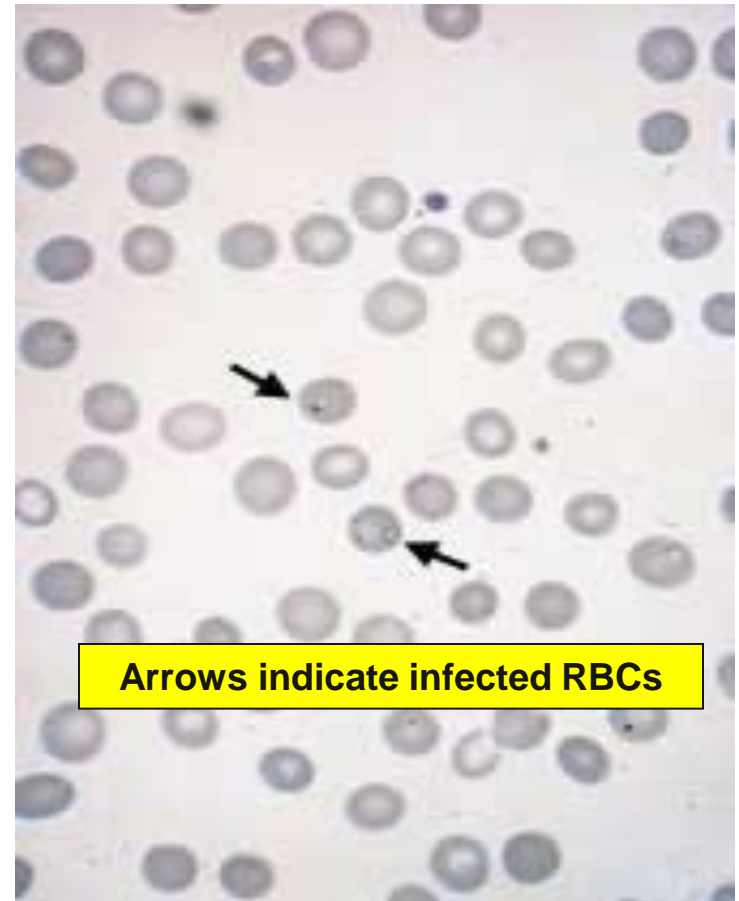
- **Power Mushrooms** Formula
- Tienchi Notoginseng
- American Ginseng

Babesiosis

A malaria-like illness caused by parasite of the genus *Babesia*, which attacks red blood cells

Babs Formula

(Artemisinin, won Nobel prize for treatment of Malaria))



Babesiosis Symptoms

Early symptoms:

- Tiredness
- Loss of appetite
- General ill feeling

Late symptoms:

- Spiking fever
- Drenching Sweats
- Muscle Aches
- Headache

*Symptoms may take 1-6 weeks to appear after a tick bite
(Babesiosis is less common than Lyme disease)

D'Arcy Lyme Disease Protocol

#5. Acupuncture – Works Against Lyme

Acupuncture is great to treat all of the various symptom pictures of the various stages of Lyme.

Moving stuck “Qi” (energy), gets stuck that forms areas where Lyme infections can escape the immune system.

Moving “stuck blood” - taking away symptoms of pain and stagnation.





LD herbal Support

Andrographis, *Andrographis Paniculata.*

Studies have demonstrated its use as a remarkable anti-bacterial, anti-spirochetal and anti-viral herb. These studies have proven its use as an anti-parasite herb with a wide range of use against infection in the body, particularly against the following at the following sites:

- **Leptospira spirochetes**, (*infects a wide range of tissues*) causing leptospirosis. leptospira spirochetes have surprising similarities to LD, and recently found by practitioners to be effective against LD., Andrographis was found to be 80% effective against leptospirosis spirochetes.
- **Malaria**, (*blood*), great for co-infection of *Babesia*, similar to malaria parasite.
- **Leishmaniasis**, (*skin and internal organs*) such as human roundworm.
- **Dipetlonema** (*connective tissue*) as in canine parasitic worm.



LD herbal Support

Andrographis, *Andrographis Paniculata.*

1. It is anti-spirochetal
2. It is protective and healing for neurological aspects of LD
3. Anti-inflammatory: *Andrographolide*, the major active component from *Andrographis*, has shown to possess major anti-inflammatory activity
4. It is used for the central nervous system, reduces swelling and fights Bb in the collagen at joints (another favorite of Bb)
5. Counteracts periodic/intermittent parasitic diseases (Bb and babesia)



LD herbal Support

Andrographis,

Andrographis Paniculata.

6. Immune enhancement: increases white cell
7. Cardio-protective: it protects heart muscles, dissolves clots, and decreases heart muscle damage after heart attacks, normalized EEG readings; (Bb like heart tissue)
8. Supports liver and detoxification of Bb's neuro-toxins
9. Has a broad protective activity throughout the body protecting and killing Bb spirochetes where they may lodge. Studies show extracts have the ability to enhance DNA repair
10. Due to its ability to treat rashes and other skin disorders, by aiding in the reduction of heat and elimination of toxins from the body



LD herbal Support Cats Claw, *Uncaria tomentosa*..

Helps the larger white blood cells (more specifically the CD-57 subset) that destroy the Lyme spirochetes. The problem is finding them, because the spirochetes don't like hanging out in the blood (too dangerous for them) and prefer to hide out and find their way to certain nerve & tissue cells.

Cats Claw helps boost our specific immune response, to-get-out-there and fight the stealth bacterium Bb. A study showing Cat Claw, *Uncaria tomentosa*, to be remarkably effective in treating chronic LD (Cowen et al.) found 100% of patients experienced marked clinical improvement; and 85% were sero-negative for LD at the end of study. Unfortunately, this study is not definitive and has some flaws (Buhner). Several other studies show Cats Claw's immune stimulating qualities and major anti-inflammatory abilities; (22 of 100 studies and papers on Pub Med database).



LD herbal Support

Japanese Knotweed, *Polygonum cuspidatum*

Japanese Knotweed's relevance to LD (Buhner):

1. Stimulates microcirculation, esp. to the eyes, knees, heart and skin which helps deliver active constituents to these locations;
2. Reduces inflammation;
3. Protects and correcting the heart function;
4. Provides wide-spectrum antibiotic/antiviral action;
5. Reduces auto-immune responses to LD;
6. Immune enhancement;
7. Protects endothelial integrity from LD's spirochetes and co-infections;
8. Reduces reactive oxygen species production in the CNS and brain.

Herxheimer Healing Reaction

The die-off of toxin-producing micro-organisms releases toxins into the body and as one takes treatment to get better, they feel temporarily worse.

During Herxheimer reactions, support Liver to help Detoxification, use detoxification supportive supplements such as broccoli sprouts.



Broccoli Sprouts Powder Stimulates Detoxification, Supports Herzheimer

- Broccoli Sprouts grown with up to 5,500 parts per million, of sulforaphane ground into sprout powder.
- "Three-day-old broccoli sprouts consistently contain 20 to 50 times the amount of sulforaphane (SGS) support better detoxification by stimulating phase II Liver enzymes

Broccoli sprouts, SGS, Stimulate phase 2 Liver enzymes

- Here are a few of the papers and publications

- Powerful and prolonged protection of human retinal pigment epithelial cells, keratinocytes, and mouse leukemia cells against oxidative damage: the indirect antioxidant effects of sulforaphane. <http://www.pnas.org/cgi/doi/10.1073/pnas.261572998> Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, Vol. 98, Issue 26, pp. 15221-15226, December 18, 2001 Xiangqun Gao, Alben T. Dinkova-Kostova, and Paul Talalay
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Artemisia. Artemisia annua Supports against Babesia

- This LD co-infecting agent is a protozoa and a distant cousin of malaria.
- *Artemisia* is one of the most effective herbal agents for treating malaria; Malaria is a parasitic disease (though a very different pathogen) introduced directly into the blood stream by an insect (usually mosquito).
- Artemisinin, one of the active compounds of *Artemisia*, has a 100% clearance rate for Malaria (Zhang).
- Artemisinin has become the treatment of choice for malaria worldwide due to its effectiveness against drug-resistant strains.



Boneset, *Eupatorium perfoliatum* supports against Bartonella and Babesia

- Bartonella recognized as early as 1899 (Cat-Scratch disease,) its symptoms include low grade fever, fatigue, enlarged spleen, anorexia, headache pharyngitis. Bartonella is evolving and morphing recently on Martha's Vineyard as an unusual variant was found in a tick.
- Boneset is exceptionally useful against Bartonella and Babesia. (Buhner) It stimulates the immune system, normalizes CD4/CD8 ratio, actively protects bone marrow macrophages, and stimulates their production. It reduces severity of the periodic fevers and pains



Astragalus supports against Canine/Feline Anaplasmosis (Ehrlichia)

- This herb has been used in TCM for around four thousand years; described in the Shen Nong Cao Jing text two thousand years ago as being one of the superior tonic herbs of TCM. Today, especially with all of the studies documenting its superior status (799 citations on Medline, 2 patents), modern TCM certainly still agrees with this status, two millennia later.
- Astragalus is not about getting rid of the infection, but rather about boosting or modulating the host's own immune function to better fight Bb.
- The TCM principle of treating infectious disease applied for centuries says:
—fu zheng qu xie support the righteous and dispel the evil meaning to
—boost the immune system, expel the pathogen.
- Ehrlichia are small, gram-negative bacteria that invade leukocytes, white blood cells, producing human granulocystic ehrlichiosis (HGE) and human monocytic ehrlichiosis (HME). Symptoms can include fever, headache, myalgia, malaise, thrombocytopenia leucopenia, etc.