

LYME DISEASE INFORMATION

EXPOSURE:

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection transmitted by the bite of a deer tick, found on all types of vegetation and animals, especially in the woods. The deer tick is most active in the spring and fall, and present throughout the summer.

PRECAUTION:

Wear long sleeves and pants. An insect repellent, such as Deep Woods OFF! can help repel ticks. Brush off clothing and pets before going inside. Check yourself and pets carefully for ticks. Remove attached tick at once with fine-jaw tweezers by grasping tick's head as close to skin as possible and gently pulling straight out. Be careful not to squeeze tick's body as this may cause it to inject fluid into you. Wash bite area and apply antiseptic.

SYMPTOMS:

A ring-shaped rash may occur within 4-20 days. Symptoms may include fever, chills, headache, stiffness in joints, weakness and fatigue. Common symptoms of Lyme Disease may mimic arthritis. In some cases there are no symptoms.

DIAGNOSIS:

Contact your doctor if you suspect Lyme Disease, or its symptoms.

TREATMENT:

If detected early, Lyme Disease is usually treatable with antibiotics.

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