

LDF Conf #1
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THE LYME BORRELIOSIS FOUNDATION, INC

presents

LYME DISEASE - THE LEADING EDGE: PEOPLE & PETS

Date: June 9, 1988

To be held at: Newington Childrens Hospital, Newington, Ct.

Morning

8:30 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 Welcome

Partnerships in finding a cure: Laypeople, Medical Experts, Business, Government

Patrick W. Kenny, Sr. Vice President, Aetna Life & Casualty

9:15 Borrelia Burgdorferi: The Lyme Disease Pathogen, its characteristics and complexities

Willy Burgdorfer, PhD., MD (hon), Scientist, Rocky Mountain Labs

9:45 Multi-system tissue damage & its ramifications

Paul Duray, MD, Director of Anatomic Pathology, Fox Chase Cancer Ctr.

- Brain (inc. brainstem white matter lesions - glial nodules)
- Nerves (demyelination)
- Placenta
- Fetus
- Liver
- Heart
- Skin
- Lungs
- Blood
- Kidneys

10:15 Coffee Break

10:30 Transmission

Ecological Aspects - Tick-to-person cycle, demographics, disease "stages"

Edward Bosler, PhD, Research Scientist, NY State Dept. of Health

Non-tick Transmission: direct contact, urine, spirochete ingestion, blood, colostrum, transplacenta

Elizabeth Burgess, DVM, PhD, Professor, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Wisconsin

11:00 Diagnostic Testing: ELISA, IFA, Monoclonal, Western Blot - blood vs CSF vs urine, antibody vs spirochete
Genetic Variations & Drug testing results

Russell Johnson, PhD, Professor of Microbiology, U. of Minn.

11:30 Pets as sentinels for human disease - zoonotic implications: cats, dogs, horses, cows

John Post, DVM, Professor of Pathobiology, Univ. of Ct.
Eric Shaw, graduate student, Univ of Ct.

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Dermatologic Lyme diagnosis & treatment - ECM and long-term sequela
Bernard W. Berger, MD, Dermatologist, Southampton, NY

1:00 Neurological & Ophthalmologic damage - Diagnosis and treatment
Robert Spector, MD, Columbia-Presbyterian (Harkness Eye & Babies),
and Albert Einstein

1:30 Rheumatologic problems - chronic cases with long term treatment
to match the reproductive cycle of the spirochete
Seronegative, culture positive, transplacental Lyme (fetal death)
Paul Lavoie, MD, Rheumatologist, San Francisco, Calif.

2:00 Lyme during Pregnancy: miscarriage, stillbirth, handicaps
Steven Luger, MD, Family Practice, Old Lyme, Ct

2:30 Spirochete positive: seropositive & seronegative. Multi-system
involvement case histories
Julie Rawlings, PhD candidate - Univ. of Calif (Berkeley) & Texas
Dept. of Health

3:00 Coffee Break

3:15 Patient partnership in the decision making process, home treatment,
and support groups.
Betty Gross, Support Group Facilitator, Westchester, NY
Karen D'Onofrio, Support Group Coordinator, Mid-Long Island, NY

3:45 Ethics & those "difficult and possibly misdiagnosed" cases
(e.g. MS, ALS, brain tumors, dementia, etc.)

4:30 Close

Who should attend: physicians (all fields), medical researchers, insurance
health payors, nurses, therapists, veterinarians,
people responsible for the welfare of employees, and
other interested parties.

Cost: \$ 50

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