

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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