



Lyme Disease Action

Striving for the prevention and treatment of Lyme Disease and associated tick-borne diseases.

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Department of Health

What the Department of Health has said:

- "Reliable information about Lyme disease is readily available..... on the HPA's website"
- "the detailed information for clinicians on diagnosis and treatment represents the best available synthesis of current medical advice"
- "there is no new scientific evidence on the diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease"

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Guidelines - USA

"The treatment guideline published by the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) in 2006 is authoritative and comprehensive..."

Health Protection Agency website

However a statistical analysis has shown that:

38 of 71 Recommendations are based on level III evidence (ie only expert opinion; and not even ALL of the experts; just a selection)

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Guidelines - Europe

European Federation of Neurological Societies

"This paper presents evidence-based recommendations for diagnosis and treatment of neuroborreliosis" Health Protection Agency website

However, if you read the guidelines you will find:

- "There are no randomized treatment studies of European late LNB. "
- "There are no comparative controlled studies of treatment length in European late LNB."

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Because an official organisation says "treat Lyme like this" the Department of Health believes a summary of these guidelines without question, without analysis.

We don't want patients to fall into the same trap as the Department and fail to read carefully and ignore other evidence.

All over the world people have come up with cures and treatments. Do they have any basis in science? Are they a waste of money and hope?

*We can guarantee that someone in the next 12 months will come up with some new idea to help patients. How do you assess it?
Introduce Dr Leonor Sierra from Sense about Science*

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