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## Lyme Disease Lepers

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It's the bug bite that can change your life forever. They call themselves lepers—"Lyme Disease lepers". It started like the flu, and escalated in to pain and mental confusion. 16:9 investigates if the Canadian medical system is spotting the signs, and why one man claims doctors are AFRAID to treat the disease.

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Wanda Wilson said:

October 16, 2009 - 11:29 AM

Lyme disease is devastating and affects many individuals and families. The current Ontario tests are totally inadequate; the majority come back negative. As a result, many patients are mis-diagnosed and continue to be sick. Ontario labs should be working together with reputable labs in the States in order to ensure more accurate testing.

Our blood supply is at risk!! Before donating blood, Lyme should be ruled out. There is a need to educate the medical community in what to look for when seeing patients with multiple symptoms who remain sick and do not get well. The public at large needs to be better educated in order to protect themselves.

Lyme disease is political. The doctors who are treating chronic Lyme do so in fear of losing their medical licence. Other physicians who would like to treat do not because of the fear of being reported to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario; (CPSO). There has to be some safeguards in place in order to protect those competent physicians treating Lyme so they can continue to treat patients. Without this; there will no longer be any physician who will want to see these desperately sick patients.

Physicians should also be allowed to use their clinical judgement when diagnosing Lyme and be allowed to use safe, non-pharmaceutical approaches if they feel it is necessary and helpful to their patient.

Unless these above issues are addressed, individuals and families will continue to suffer and will be unable to receive the medical help they so desperately need. Patients will have to go outside the country to receive the treatment to make them well. This is unacceptable.

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Jim said:

October 15, 2009 - 12:12 AM

It is amazing that poorly designed, disputed, monetarily conflicted research can lead our medical leaders by the nose with no concern for the health of fellow Canadians.

It is not like they did not know. They were aware of the failings of the tests because Lyme groups and others had been providing them with the research since 1989.

Now our children and grandchildren are victims while dogs have a better test.

The long term cost of chronic illness is substantial yet for victims to get a seat at the table relative to policy and guidelines is barred at every step in Canada while business interests have an office and major income from every university/governmental program that is health driven.

Gotta wonder who is in control.

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Ben said:

October 14, 2009 - 10:02 PM

Thanks for doing such a good job exposing the issues around this horrific disease. It has taken me 8 years of my life and cost me many thousands of dollars to get proper treatment. The ignorance and even hostility of our medical masters is outrageous. Most doctors are ignorant about Lyme and the rest are terrified to even consider it for fear of persecution from INSIDE their own "profession." There is a mountain of evidence that long-term antibiotic treatment works but our medical masters continue to ignore it.

If I had not experienced this illness myself, I would not have believed it. All we ask is that our doctors be allowed to treat us without fear of persecution; it is our RIGHT to be treated in consultation with our doctor, without interference.

Canada is dead last in the world in its attitude toward this horrible disease.

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Lyme-Momma said:

October 14, 2009 - 8:31 PM

Very good presentation - I am from BC and my 16-yr old daughter has been sick with lyme for 2 years. Right now I am living temporarily in California so my daughter can get treatment. After going from doctor to doctor carrying around a HUGE file of notes and tests and having to defend the diagnosis and treatment it is such a relief to have a doctor that understands what my daughter is going through and is able to give her proper treatment. We will have to come back to BC shortly and the thought really scares me as I am unsure if I will be able to find a primary physician to work with us. The craziest thing is my dog can get vaccinated and treated for lyme without me getting lecture after lecture about how I'm not giving her the proper medical attention - just a little frustrating!!!

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