

Thank you for covering Lyme disease today. I was bitten when I was 10 years old. That is 54 years ago. A life blighted. 10 of those years 90% bedbound. Another 15 years 90% housebound.

I was diagnosed with ME/CFS 25 years ago. I looked into other conditions to be excluded before I looked at Lyme disease because I didn't know that Lyme is not just a condition to be excluded. It is THE condition, far and away to be excluded. I started looking into Lyme only 4 years ago. I have a negative NHS test, positive elsewhere. I also have a test which may indicate tick borne encephalitis.

This disease has been known about for centuries in Europe and there is no reason for this illness to be denied by the nhs. It is a scandal that a huge pandemic is being covered up. I was in London in the eighties. We had several gay friends and I know that they knew about HIV long before the government admitted it. Here we are again and we have to find a voice this time because the cover up is so effective. People are being misdiagnosed with ME, fibromyalgia, MS, sarcoidosis, sjogrens, ALS even Alzheimers.

I can understand why the government wishes to cover this up, but why does the medical profession? This is another area. Many GPs are women, why are they so dismissive of their women patients?

I was so moved to hear of this young girl. Although you mentioned the older age group, in fact the most likely time for a person to get bitten is between the ages of 6-14. I do hope that this young girl does not have the "life" I have.

Please cover the subject of Lyme disease again.

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