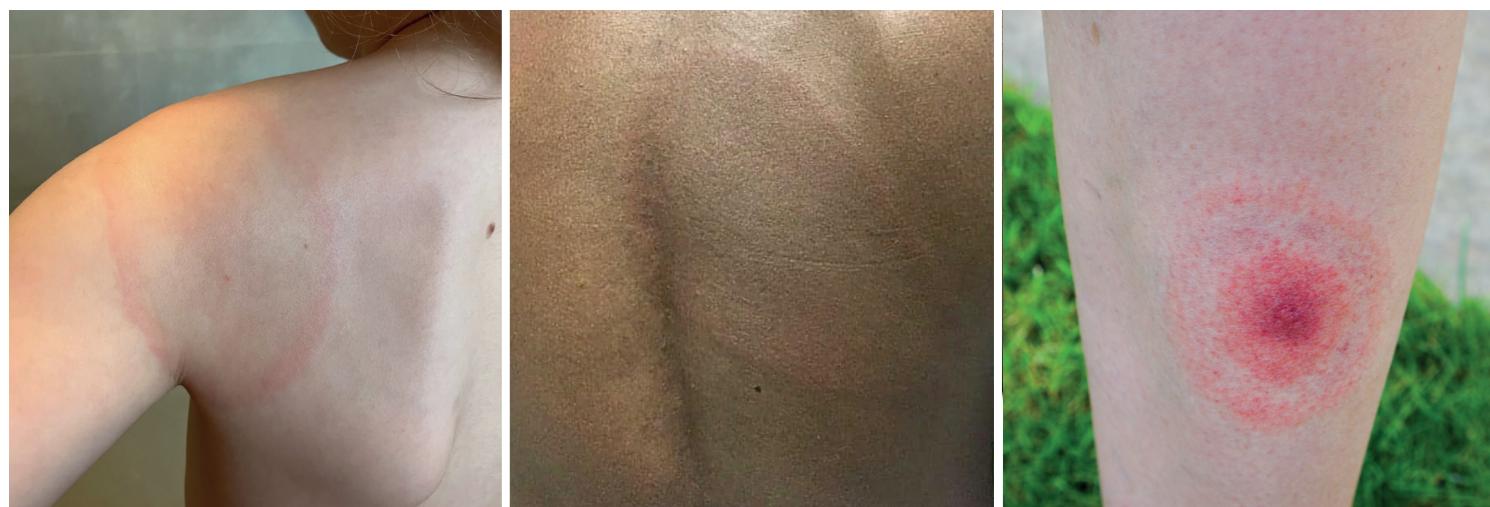




Symptoms of Lyme Disease

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection that can be spread to humans by infected ticks. It's usually easier to treat if it's diagnosed early.



A spreading round or oval rash around a tick bite can be an early symptom of Lyme disease.

The rash can appear up to 3 months after being bitten by an infected tick, but usually appears within 1 to 4 weeks. It can last for several weeks.

Not everyone with Lyme disease develops a rash and it may be atypical in appearance.

Symptoms can include fatigue, headaches, flu-like illness, facial palsy, migratory muscle and joint pain, nausea, and a stiff neck.

Consult your GP if you've been bitten by a tick, been in areas ticks could be in the past three months, and you're experiencing flu-like symptoms or a rash.

The Royal College of General Practitioners has produced a Lyme disease toolkit for clinicians. Patients may also find this helpful. The RCGP/LDA e-learning module on Lyme disease is available online for health professionals and is free to all members of the RCGP. Find out more at www.lymediseaseuk.com/rcgp

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