

LYMES DISEASE

Lyme's disease is an infection that derives from a tick bite. The disease has a variety of symptoms, including changes affecting the skin, heart, joints and nervous system. It is also known as borrelia or borreliosis.

A tick will settle anywhere on the human body, and has a preference for moist dark places. When a suitable place is found on the body, it sticks in its probe to draw up blood, exposing the host to a risk of infection.

If you are unlucky enough to be bitten and pick up the disease you may experience some or all of the following symptoms.

- A red spot around the location of the tick bite
- Flue like symptoms
- Drowsiness
- Headaches
- Mild fever
- Joint and muscle pains
- Swollen lymph glands

Some people with borrelia can develop neuro borrelia this can develop one to five weeks after being bitten. Some symptoms can be.

- Back pain becoming worse at night time
- Nerves become numb
- Meningitis

If you have any of these symptoms you need to contact your doctor/hospital immediately.

It can be treated with antibiotics-doxycycline/amoxicillin/benzylpenicillin