

5 PATIENT TIPS FOR **LYME DISEASE** AWARENESS MONTH



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May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month. With cases up 45% in just a few years, and now approaching 500K annually in 2022, it is more important than ever to educate your patients about Lyme. If your patients have been exposed to ticks, or are experiencing any of the common symptoms of Lyme disease, consider having them tested with IGeneX, the leader in tick-borne disease testing.

TIP #1 YOU DON'T NEED A RASH TO HAVE LYME

One of the most distinctive signs of Lyme disease is the erythema migrans rash, also known as the bull's eye rash. However, it's quite common to not have or not notice a rash with Lyme disease. Research shows that up to 70% of Lyme patients never develop a rash.



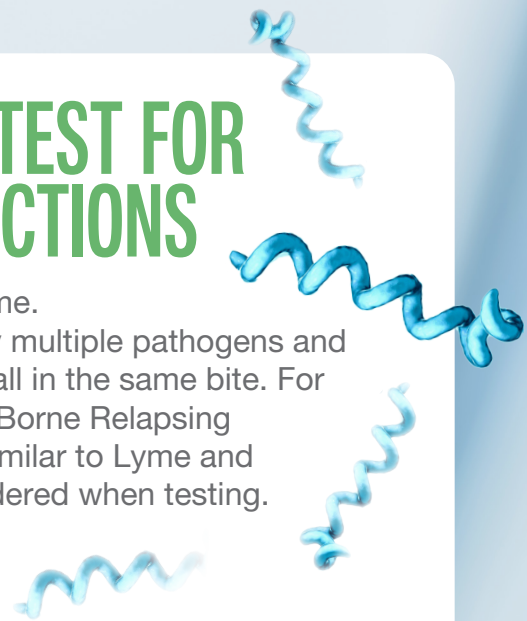
TIP #2 USE MULTIPLE TESTING METHODS

For the most accurate results, be sure to use a combination of direct and indirect testing methods. Direct methods look for the pathogen, whereas indirect methods measure the immune system's response to an infection.



TIP #3 TEST FOR CO-INFECTIONS

It's not just Lyme. Ticks can carry multiple pathogens and transmit them all in the same bite. For instance, Tick-Borne Relapsing Fever is very similar to Lyme and must be considered when testing.



TIP #4 CONSIDER TESTING YOUR PET

Dogs, cats, and other furry friends can and do get tick-borne illnesses. In fact, there are three times as many cases of Lyme disease in dogs as there are in humans. And, since ticks and fleas can easily migrate from pets to human owners, your pets' health is intimately linked with your family's health.



TIP #5 SAVE THE TICK

If possible, save the tick, dead or alive, in a plastic bag or tube. The tick can be tested at a lab for infections from a variety of pathogens. This can be easier than getting testing for yourself.



The IGeneX Advantage

OUTPERFORMING OTHER LABS IN THE US AND WORLDWIDE

For over 30 years, IGeneX has been at the forefront of diagnostic testing for Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases. IGeneX continues to lead the way through continued research and development from a dedicated team of tick-borne disease experts. IGeneX is certified by CLIA to perform tests on human samples in all 50 states.



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