

To Whom it may concern ~

This past summer I had a tick bite on my upper arm,
pulled the tick, kept it for the doctor to view,
the classic ring was very visible,
the symptoms of headache, and bells-palsy on my left side had begun.

I drove myself to the nearest treatment center, Pequot in Groton CT,
the bells palsy was very apparent and growing worse by the minute.
After waiting 2 hours to be seen, I could no longer move my left arm.
I made several urgent requests to be seen to the medical staff.
Another half hour went by.

I left the facility and drove another half hour to the Stonington Treatment
Center,
losing symptomatic ground by the second.
I was seen immediately there, and given the first dose of doxycycline.

I have had Lyme Disease 4 times, that was titer positive.
The other 3 tick bites came back with a negative titer, and I was refused
treatment.
I now have chronic spinal pain, migraine headaches,
and sporadic skin flushing with muscle spasms.

Finding validating and competent medical treatment
has been exhaustive and discouraging. There is NO medical coverage.

Please bring this frustrating and devastating issue of Lyme Disease
to the medical and legislative forefront NOW!

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