

Lyme disease

I am a practicing internist and have been baffled by this disease which affects individuals so differently. There is a conflict amongst physician community on how to best treat it and when to treat it. As a result, some patients who do not need treatment are over treated and some of them have had complications from the actual medications prescribed. There are others do not get treated till late and end up having significant morbidity. There is a need for all physicians in CT who treat and care for patients with Lyme' disease to better understand the disease and have a standard to provide correct diagnosis and appropriate treatment to patients suffering from suspected Lyme' disease.

If the state does not take an immediate action, there will patients who will suffer from lack of being diagnosed and treated and others who will be treated unnecessarily and at times inappropriately adding significantly to our health spending amongst other things.

Sincerely,

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