

Lyme Disease in the MHS- Question to the DHB

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QUESTION TO THE BOARD

“I request the DHB review the scientific evidence surrounding the issue of *Borrelia burgdorferi* ..., and provide comments regarding the natural history, diagnosis, and treatment of the forms and stages of Lyme disease. I am particularly interested in the Board’s review of the known facts regarding chronic Lyme disease and current therapies, as well as findings regarding gaps in current data and scientific knowledge....”

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BACKGROUND-1

- **2/16/2008-Email query from Military Lyme Support representative to USAR Texas Reserve Ambassador inquiring about providing education to military doctors about the ILADS guidelines for treating Lyme disease**
- **Email query forwarded by Reserve Ambassador to HA/TMA on same day**

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BACKGROUND-2

- **Response providing general details about Lyme disease treatment & physician education in the MHS provided based on information provided by Services ID Consultants**
- **DASD(C&PP) asks DHB to review scientific evidence for Lyme disease treatment**
- **IDSA agrees to review the IDSA Practice Guidelines on Lyme disease**

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CASES OF LYME DISEASE IN THE MHS (M2 Data)-CY2007

	MTFs	Purchased Care	Total
Active Duty	486	154	640 (19.8%)
Non-AD	844	1752	2596 (80.2%)
Total	1330 (41.1%)	1906 (58.9%)	3236 (100.0%)

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LYME DISEASE: DIAGNOSIS & MANAGEMENT IN MTFs

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