

Memorandum

To: Island Physicians and Nurse Practitioners

From: Greg German MD PhD FRCPC, Medical Microbiologist Health PEI

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Re: Lyme Disease testing requests and necessary clinical information

The PEI Department of Health and Wellness and Health PEI have provided education <http://www.gov.pe.ca/health/LymeDisease> and flow sheets (www.healthpei.ca/micro) to assist practitioners. Our laboratory is receiving an increased amount of Lyme Disease serological requests. Many of the requests are missing key pieces of information and this can lead to delay in testing. Therefore, the following information is necessary to process your request:

1. Specific clinical features suggestive of Lyme disease (dermatological, neurological, etc.)
2. Travel and Exposure History (e.g. Province and nearest city)
3. Tick exposure date (or possible dates) and duration of attachment if known.
4. When a specialist has recommended the test please indicate their name.

Thank you for assistance in improving our services. I can be reached at 894-2439.

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