

Do You Know Anyone With MS, Fibromyalia or Chronic Fatigue Syndrome? Beware! They Have the Same Symptoms as Lyme Disease!

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Lyme disease is called the “Great Imitator” or the “Great Impostor” due to the multiple symptoms and complicated conditions that Lyme disease causes that mimics other serious diseases.

This fact has been well-documented in the past five years as the number of people with Lyme disease continues to skyrocket. These misdiagnosed diseases cause years of wrong treatment, wasted medical expenses, grueling emotional torment and in some cases, irreparable damage to the victims.

Multiple Sclerosis, better known as MS, is a disease that occurs when your own body's immune system begins to attack the central nervous system. Symptoms include, fatigue, dizziness, sensitivity to heat and cold, tingling in extremities and neuropathic pain. These very same symptoms amongst others actually indicate Lyme disease. Furthermore, due to the mystery surrounding the cause of MS, Lyme disease, which can enter the central nervous system within days of infection, could very well be the cause.

Fibromyalgia, is another mystery disease that means “Body Pain”. It has confounded doctors for years with the aches and pains which seem to move from place to place in the body, create headaches, cause fatigue, chills and a wide variety of other symptoms which are exactly the same as – you guessed it, Lyme disease.

Chronic Fatigue is best known for the profound fatigue that goes along with it but the symptoms can also cause body aches, joint aches, chills, fevers and neuropathic pain. One study was conducted at a clinic for chronic fatigue in which every patient was tested for Lyme disease and 85% tested positive!

There is ongoing research that relates Lyme disease to Alzheimer's, Autism, and Rheumatoid Arthritis, along with a wide array of mental illness.

The best thing to do if you suspect you might have Lyme disease is to find a Lyme-Literate doctor by contacting the Lyme Disease Association, and getting a full evaluation. The disease is supposed to be diagnosed clinically (like depression) because there is no known test that is 100% reliable. Testing is used to support a diagnosis, not confirm necessarily.

The most effective treatment for Lyme disease is antibiotics. The faster treatment is started, the faster the disease can be destroyed.

For more information visit www.LymeDiseaseResource.com

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