

# Lyme Disease in the MHS- Question to the DHB

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# QUESTION TO THE BOARD

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**“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

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- **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**



## BACKGROUND-2

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- **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**



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

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



# **LYME DISEASE: DIAGNOSIS & MANAGEMENT IN MTFs**

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