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Lyme Disease. Call for Awareness.

I had chronic Lyme disease for 29 years - from 1980-2009.

At the time I got bit Lyme was generally not known in this area. After 4 months I did receive some antibiotics because I had the flu with a rapid heart beat. This helped with the immediate symptoms, but only forced the Lyme underground.

During the next 30 years chronic Lyme was not widely recognized. The insurance companies, the CDC, and The Infectious Disease Society (IDSA) all denied the existence of chronic Lyme. There was no know cure. People commonly paid \$100,000 out of pocket for various treatments. I personally know one person who spent more than that, and another who has been on antibiotics for 15 years. One woman I know moved to Alaska to avoid Lyme ticks. This is just within my circle of friends.

About 5 years ago I got attacked by a cat and was hospitalized for 5 days. The regime of meds they gave me knocked out the Lyme. You can imagine my surprise.

Please help share this information, as it was hard won, and could really help someone. This illness is huge. It effects every area of life: mental, physical, emotional, spiritual, economic, social. It is also a very lonely disease, in part because it is so often denied. I would be happy to share my experience with anyone at anytime.

Thank you.
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