

Public Health Agency of Canada
Lyme Patient Round Table September 13, 2017
Patients' Questions for Discussion
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Patients' Advance Questions:

1. Why won't NML release Western Blot banding patterns? Why can't a framework be established as part of medical education to train doctors to interpret the data?
2. How many with PHAC are involved in the Lyme file are now or previously been members of IDSA or AMMI and what is your response about conflict of interest?
3. What has, or is being done to warn aboriginal populations that they are living in hyperendemic areas?
4. The Elispot and C6 Elisa used in parallel would provide 93% sensitivity and 95% specificity with only 7% rate of false positives; cost is approx. \$200-400. It has numerous advantages over current testing including an ability to track active infection more accurately. Why isn't this testing technology, available in Canada and already used for TB being considered for Lyme disease? The two-tier testing model has already shown to be terrible so who is making the decisions as to what tests are available to Canadians?
5. Who at Public Health Agency of Canada was involved in rewriting the case Definition in 2017?
6. Some patients are reporting it is taking several months to receive their tests back from NML. This is unacceptable given the well established need for immediate treatment. As well, many patients report that they and/or their ordering physicians are not receiving paper copies of test results – why? What are the reasons for this delay and what is being done about it?