



Lyme Disease and You

Friday, August 3rd, 2007

The community is warmly welcomed to the fourth annual Lyme Disease Symposium, on Friday, August 3rd, at 7:30PM. The event will take place at Burr and Burton Academy's Rowland Center Cafeteria. Drs. Brian Fallon and Dan Cameron, and Ms. Pat Smith, President of the Lyme Disease Association, will be the keynote speakers. Prevention is the best cure for Lyme disease, and it starts with the exemplary education and information that our distinguished guests will provide.

Dr. Fallon is an Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at the Columbia University Medical Center in NYC, and has lectured and published widely on the neurological and psychiatric aspects of Lyme disease. He was the principal director of a 4-year NIH-funded study of Brain Imaging and Treatment of Persistent Lyme Encephalopathy. He is the director of the newly established, fully dedicated Lyme and Tick-borne Diseases Research Center at the Columbia University Medical Center. Within this center, Dr. Fallon and other internationally renowned clinicians and scientists from various disciplines will work together to find answers to the puzzling clinical and scientific questions that surround Lyme disease.

Dr. Cameron is an internist and Lyme researcher in Mt. Kisco, NY, where he has cared for Lyme disease patients for seventeen years. A former academic researcher who headed the National Task Force on Aging, Dr. Cameron has published and presented more than forty scientific papers and serves on the boards of the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society (ILADS) and the Lyme Disease Association (LDA). He has worked with a team of experts within ILADS to develop and publish treatment guidelines for Lyme disease patients now listed in National Guideline Clearinghouse and PubMed.

Pat Smith is the President of the LDA, a national organization dedicated to Lyme disease education/prevention, raising research funds, and providing patient support. She is on the Board of Directors of ILADS, and is also an advisor to Time for Lyme in Connecticut. A former chair of the NJ Governor's Lyme Disease Advisory Council, Ms. Smith has testified/lobbied/educated at all government levels. Her several years of work with NJ Congressman Christopher Smith and CT Senator Christopher Dodd culminated in the approval of HR-3427 in the US House of Representatives and presentation of S-1479 in the US Senate. These companion bills will provide \$100 million for Lyme disease research and education.

For additional information on the Symposium, please call Dr. Stephanie Woolwich-Holzman, (375-9360) or Rev. Claire Longtin North, (375-6064).