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Re: Tick Advice for "New" Outdoorsmen

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Quote:

gfen wrote:

Tick key for the ones you see, a shower immediately upon going home for the ones you don't.

Your nephew had bell's palsy, which is not a part of lyme disease but often comes on as part of an infection, its caused by an inflammation of the nerves that affect muscle control in your face. Short term Bell's will clear up and back to 100% when the swelling dies down, long term Bell's will kill the nerve which will then need to grow back on its own. Sometimes it never grows back, or it will grow back incorrect causing facial tics or other anomolies.

Not that Lyme cannot affect your CNS, including facial paralysis, as well. Its quite possible to have both issues simultaneously. The Lyme will affect both sides, the Bell's will only affect one.

I am familiar with Bell's, as my sister had it, though she fully recovered. Regarding my nephew (on my wife's side), doctors were convinced it was Lyme disease and not Bell's. His mother worked for the Parks Dept. for years and was well informed about Lyme disease. That said, and I do not want to start a debate, but Lyme is one of the most misdiagnosed diseases, either way. In other words, it goes undiagnosed, and/or is sometimes blamed when it in fact is not the cause.

Bell's, as you describe it, makes sense in this case, but after extensive testing, doctors were convinced it was Lyme, for what it's worth. Again, not to start a debate, but although it has improved, more resources need to be dedicated to diagnosing and fighting Lyme. For my part, I'll just kill every little bastard I see.