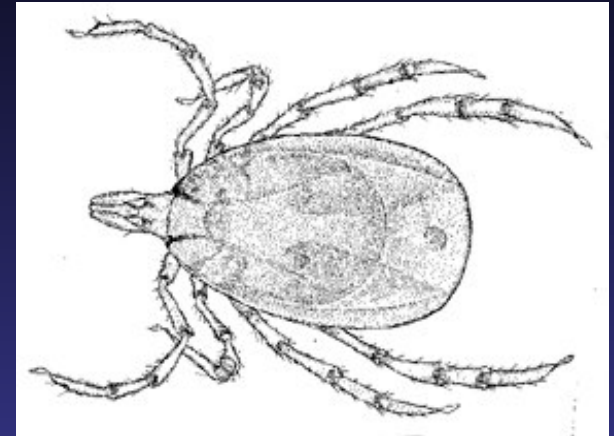


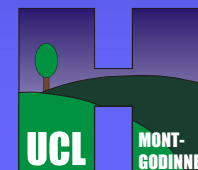
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***LYME DISEASE***

***TREATMENT OPTIONS***

***Adults and children***



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✧ Table 4. Recommended therapy for patients with Lyme disease.

| <u>Indication</u>                                   | <u>Treatment</u>                      | <u>Duration</u> |          |
|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Tick bite   | None recommended                      | observe         |          |
| Erythema migrans                                    | Oral regimena                         | 14-21           | A-I      |
| Acute neurological disease                          |                                       |                 |          |
| Meningitis or radiculopathy                         | Parenteral regimena                   | 14-28           | B-II/A-I |
| Cranial-nerve palsy                                 | Oral regimen                          | 14-21           |          |
| Cardiac disease                                     |                                       |                 |          |
| 1st or 2d degree heart block                        | Oral regimen                          | 14-21           | B-II     |
| 3d degree heart block                               | Parenteral regimena                   | 14-21           | B-III    |
| Late disease  |                                       |                 |          |
| Arthritis without neurological disease              | Oral regimen                          | 28              | B-II     |
| Recurrent arthritis after oral regimen              | Oral regimen or<br>parenteral regimen | 28<br>14-28     | B-III    |
| Persistent arthritis after 2 courses of antibiotics | Symptomatic therapy                   |                 | B-II     |
| CNS or peripheral nervous system disease            | Parenteral regimen                    | 14-28           | B-II     |
| Chronic Lyme disease or postLyme disease syndrome   | Symptomatic therapy                   |                 |          |

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- ✦ **Table 1.** Categories indicating the strength of each recommendation for or against use.

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Definition</u>  |
|-----------------|--|
| A               | Good evidence to support a recommendation for use            |
| B               | Moderate evidence to support a recommendation for use        |
| C               | Poor evidence to support a recommendation for or against use |
| D               | Moderate evidence to support a recommendation against use    |
| E               | Good evidence to support a recommendation against use        |

- ✦ **Table 2.** Grades indicating the quality of evidence on which recommendations are based.

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Definition</u>   |
|--------------|---|
| I            | Evidence from at least 1 properly randomized, controlled trial  |
| II           | Evidence from at least 1 well-designed clinical trial without randomization, from cohort or case-controlled analytic studies (preferably from >1 center), from multiple time-series studies, or from dramatic results of uncontrolled experiments |
| III          | Evidence from opinions of respected authorities that is based on clinical experience, descriptive studies, or reports of expert committees  |

# ***TREATMENT OPTIONS***

## **Randomised controlled trials**

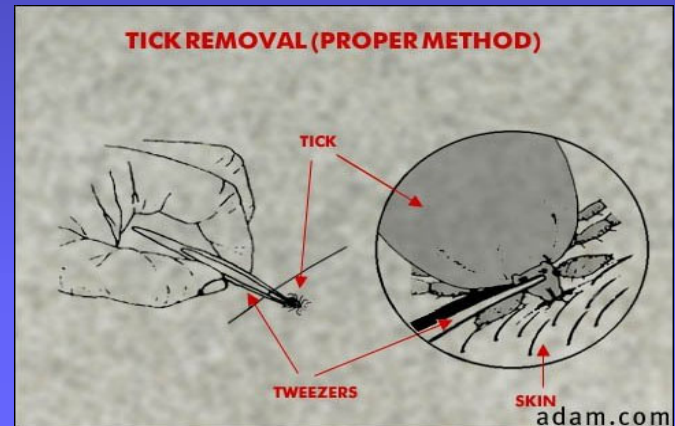
- ✦ **Few RCTs, few patients/study** (error type II)
- ✦ **Few RCTs including children**
- ✦ **Heterogeneity** (inclusions criteria and end-points)
- ✦ **Different lengths of follow-up**
- ✦ **2 Meta-analysis: prophylaxis, chronic LD**
- ✦ **USA/Europe:**
  - prophylaxis: USA
  - ECM: 9 Europe/5USA
  - arthritis: >> USA
  - neuroborreliosis: >> Europe

# LYME DISEASE PREVENTION

- ↳ JCM 1987;25:557: Experimental transmission to rodent requires tick attachment for  $\geq 24$ h.
- ↳ JID 1997;175:996: Higher risk to develop infection when ticks removed  $\geq 72$ h ( $p=0,008$ ).

❖ Avoid vector tick exposure

❖ Protective clothes, ticks repellents, daily checking the body for ticks, prompt removal of attached ticks.



# ANTIMICROBIAL PROPHYLAXIS (AMP)

## ✦ 4 RCTs (USA)

- **NEJM 1992;327:1769.** (double-blind, 387 pts, 1y. follow-up)
  - » 344 deer ticks analyzed, 15% infected
  - » Risk of infection in placebo group: 1,2% vs 0 in amoxi. (NS)
- **NEJM 2001;345:79 :** (double-blind, 482 pts, 6 weeks follow up)
  - » risk of infection 3,2% placebo vs 0,4% doxy 1 dose 200 mg  
→ > 72h, *I. scapularis* at nymphal stage, engorged tick.

## ✦ 1 meta-analysis (96)

- 600 adults and children, follow-up 6m-3y.
- Peni/ampi/tetra (10d) vs placebo
- Pooled rate of infection in placebo 1,4% vs 0% (NS)
- Low incidence of reported events : the addition of 1 event could influence the results.
- Risk of AB related adverse events > cases of early LD prevented, not cost-effective.

# **ANTIMICROBIAL PROPHYLAXIS**

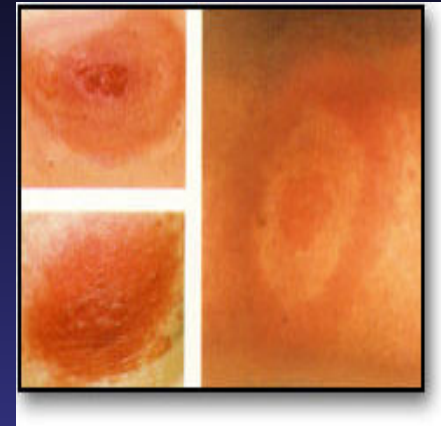
## **CONCLUSIONS**

- ✦ **Low rate of LD after tick bite in endemic area**  
(Higher rate of asymptomatic infection in Europe)
- ✦ **No evidence for a benefit of prophylaxis**
- ✦ **If attached ticks " 48-72h: No clear data**
  - **Dependent of species, stage, infection status of the tick and probability of transmission of infection**

**Routine use of AMP not recommended**  
**Prospective surveillance**



# ERYTHEMA MIGRANS



## ✦ 14 RCTs, no meta-analysis

### ✦ 2 studies enrolled > 200 patients

- Amoxi 20d vs azithro 7d: lower cure rate and more relapses in azithro. (p=0,02)
- Cefurox.ax vs doxy 20d: as effective, more related adverse events in doxy. (p=0,041)

### ✦ 1 study interrupted after 19 patients analyzed: 5/9 failure in roxithro. vs 0/10 in peni V

✦ cefurox.ax=peni V  
peniV=mino\*  
azithro=amoxi+probenecid=doxy\*  
azithro=peniV\*

azythro=doxy  
amoxy+probenecid=doxy  
cefurox.ax=doxy  
ceftriax=peniV  
azithro=peniV



# ***ERYTHEMA MIGRANS***

## ✦ **Duration of treatment: no RCT**

- Standard durations: 10-21 d, azithro 5-7d.
- 1 retrospective study (57 pts):  
doxy 14d = 21d

## ✦ **Adverse events: Variable rates**

- Amoxi, peniV: eruption
- Doxy: photosensitivity (> 8y., pregnancy)
- Cefurox.ax.: diarrhoea, Jarish-Herxheimer reaction

## ✦ **Rare cases of late complications with each medication (< 10%)**

# ***ERYTHEMA MIGRANS***

## **✦ Dosage: no RCT**

|         | <u>Adults</u> | <u>Children</u>                               |
|---------|---------------|---|
| amoxi   | 500 mg tid    | 50mg/kg/d div 3                               |
| doxy    | 100 mg bid    | 1-2 mg/kg bid                                 |
| cefurox | 500 mg bid    | 30 mg/kg/d div 2                              |
| azithro | 500 mg od     | 5 mg/kg od<br>(10mg/kg, 1 <sup>th</sup> dose) |



# ***ERYTHEMA MIGRANS***

## **✦ First choice:**

✦ **Amoxi tid (13E) or doxy bid (19E)**

✦ **For 14-21d**

**Amoxi tid or doxy bid  
For 14-21d**

## **✦ Second choice:**

✦ **cefurox.ax.: more expensive (46 E)**

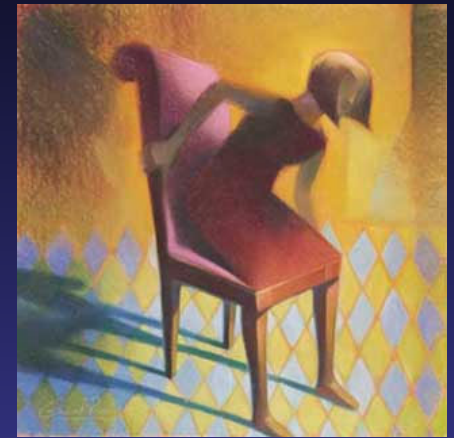
## **✦ Other alternatives:**

✦ **Macrolides (lower cure rate) (7d. azithro 500 mg:34 E)**

✦ **No data on clometocilline**



# ARTHRITIS



**5 RCTs, few children, USA**

✦ **Peni 20MIU/d 10d vs ceftriax 2g iv 14d**

Ceftriax > peni (23pts, end-points !)

Additional 31 pts (non RCT): ceftriax. 2g = 4g. (Corticosteroids !)

✦ **Ceftriax 2g od 2 weeks = 4 weeks. (76%-70% of cure)**

✦ **Doxy vs amoxi+probenecid for 30 d (38 pts).**

80% complete resolution at 3 months, 1 neuroborreliosis subsequently.

No resolution after a second course with ceftriax. 14d (HLA).

✦ **Stage 3 mixed (arthritis + CNS)**

Cefotax 2g tid > peni G10 MIU bid (60 pts) (40% J-H reaction in cefotax)

# ARTHRITIS

No good level of evidence !

- ✦ No neurological symptoms associated: oral therapy (cost/effectiveness)

## First choice:

- Doxy bid (37 E)
- Amoxi tid (26 E)
- for 4 weeks
- Slow resolution

## Second choice:

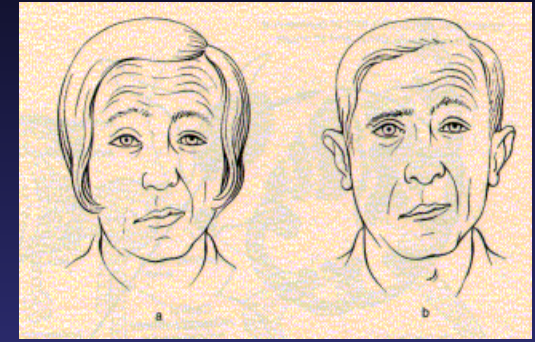
- Ceftriaxone 2g od for 2 weeks. (548,66 E)  
(75-100mg/kg od)

- ✦ Recurrence (> 6-12 months):

- second course of treatment. (po or iv ceftriax. 2 weeks)
- no response: symptomatic/synovectomy (HLA, T cells response to OspA)

**DOXY bid**  
**OR**  
**AMOXI tid**

# NEUROBORRELIOSIS



**Acute-subacute:  
meningitis or radiculopathy**

✦ **Spontaneous resolution of facial palsy.**

✦ **Studies**

- PeniG 5MiU qid = po doxy 200mg od for 14d.(n=54)
- PeniG 5MiU qid = po doxy 200mg od for 14d.(n=46)
- PeniG 5MiU qid = iv doxy 200 mg od (n=75)
- Ceftriax 2g od = cefotax 2g tid 14d.(n=33)
- PeniG 5MiU qid = cefotax 2g tid 10d.(n=21)
- Ceftriax 50-90mg/kg od = peniG 80-120.000UI/kg qid 14d.(n=75)
- PeniG 80-120.000 UI/kg qid = ceftriax 75-90mg/kg od 14d.(n=23)

✦ **Non RCT:** Facial palsy + meningitis: 29 pts, doxy 200mg bid 9-17d  
( 90% cure at 6 months)

# ***NEUROBORRELIOSIS***

## **✦ Acute-subacute neuroborreliosis**

|                 | <u>ceftriax</u>            | <u>peni G</u>                   | <u>doxy</u>               |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Adults</b>   | <b>2g od</b>               | <b>4- 5Miu qid</b>              | <b>100-200 mg<br/>bid</b> |
| <b>Children</b> | <b>75-100<br/>mg/kg od</b> | <b>80-120.000<br/>Ui/kg qid</b> | <b>-</b>                  |

**For 14d. minimum**

**Slow resolution in 30%, bilateral facial palsy**

# ***NEUROBORRELIOSIS***

## **✦ Late neuroborreliosis:**

- ✦ Inclusions criteria, stage 3 mixed ...**
- ✦ Ceftriax od or cefotaxime tid seem better**
- ✦ Duration: 14-30d.**
- ✦ Typically slow response to treatment (months)**



# ***OTHERS***

## **✦ CARDITIS**

**✦ No RCT or controlled studies**

**Antibiotic efficacy ?**

**BAV1-2: oral treatment: amoxi or doxy**

**BAV 3: parenteral therapy: ceftriax (corticosteroids ?)**

**Duration 14-21d.**

# OTHERS

❖ ACRODERMATITIS CHRONICA ATROPHICANS

❖ LYMPHOCYTOMA

❖ case series

❖ oral amoxi or doxy for 14-28d.



# ***OTHERS***

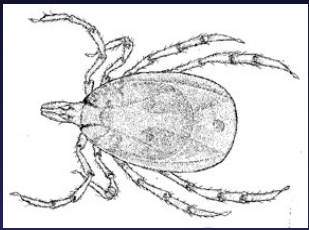
## **Chronic Lyme Disease or Post-Lyme Disease syndrome**

✦ **Poorly defined entities**

✦ **2 RCTs:**

- 129 pts, ceftriax 30d then doxy 60d vs placebo
- No difference between the 2 groups

✦ **1 meta-analysis:** Cost/effectiveness of empirical parenteral therapy for patients with fibromyalgia and positive serology (endemic area): incidence of false + serology >> the incidence of true + in patients with nonclassical infection. More side effects: risk and cost>> benefits.



# LYME DISEASE TREATMENT OPTIONS

## ✦ Antibiotic treatment of LD (excepted CLD)

✦ Global efficacy

✦ Few long term complications if early and good treatment

**BUT:**

**Low level of evidence for type, dose and duration of antibiotic therapy !**

