

2013 Vermont Lyme Survey

Have You Been Misdiagnosed?

Yes

86% 25

No

14% 4

Did you have a Lyme test after a month or more of symptoms that was negative, and then test positive later?

Yes

62% 18

No

38% 11

Have you been denied treatment or dropped as a patient because of Lyme disease?

Yes

66% 19

No

34% 10

Did or do you go out of state for your Lyme and/or co-infection treatment?

Yes

66% 19

No

34% 10

Is your Vermont Lyme specialist no longer treating Lyme or have they significantly reduced the number of Lyme patients they will see?

Yes

55% 16

No

14% 4

N/A

28% 8

Have any of your VT doctors expressed concern of treating Lyme and/or co-infections beyond CDC recommended guidelines (10-28 days) or with more aggressive IV antibiotics for fear of retribution from peers, insurance or medical board?

Yes

79% 20

No

7% 2

N/A

14% 4

Length of time of treatment?

1 Month

3% 1

2 Months

3% 1

3 Months

0% 0

4 Months

0% 0

5 Months

7% 2

6-9 Months

3% 1

9-12 Months

7% 2

12-18 Months

10% 3

18-24 Months

7% 2

2 Years or More

7% 2

3 Years or More

10% 3

Still in Treatment

41% 12

Have you had improvement, remission or cure from a long course of antibiotic treatments?

Yes

97%

28

No

3%

How long were you on antibiotics before you began to notice improvement?

1 Month

31%

9

2 Months

3%

1

3 Months

10%

3

4 Months

7%

2

5 Months

0%

0

6-9 Months

17%

5

9-12 Months

10%

3

12-18 Months

0%

0

18-24 Months

3%

1

2 Years or More

0%

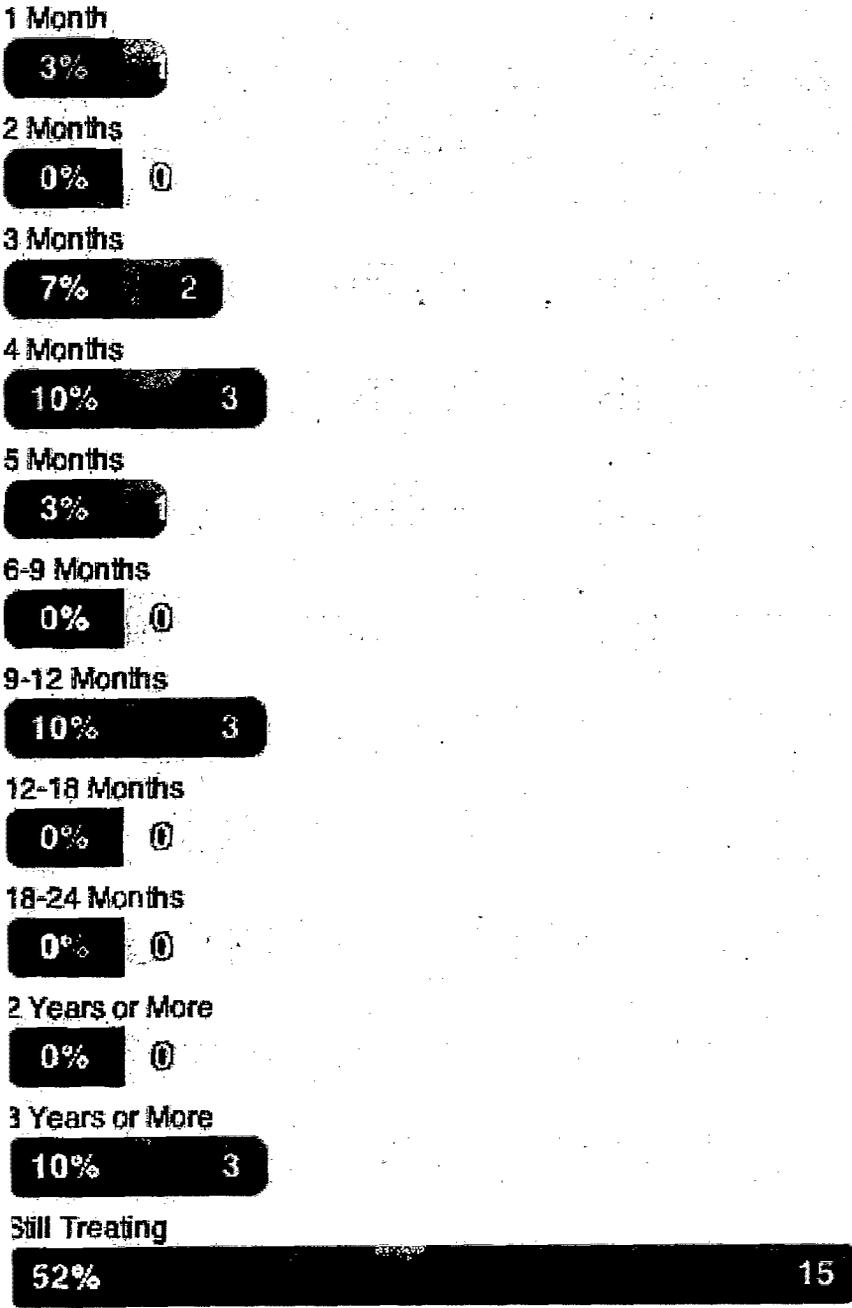
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Still Treating

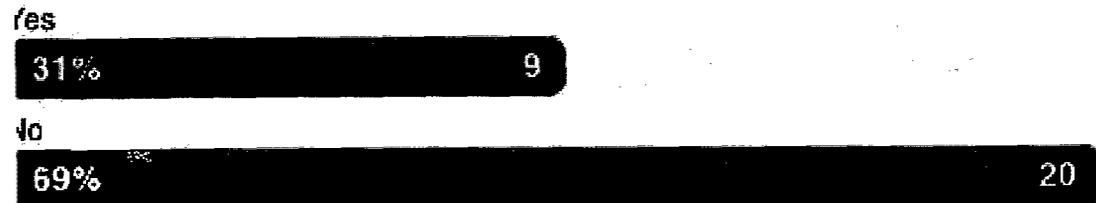
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How long did it take on antibiotics to achieve to achieve significant improvement or remission?



Did you see a tick bite?



Did you have a bullseye rash?

Yes

21% 6

No

79% 23

Number of doctors seen before Lyme and co-infection diagnosis:

1

7% 2

2

3% 1

3

10% 3

4

17% 5

5

7% 2

6

10% 3

7

3% 1

8

7% 2

9

3% 1

10 or more

31% 9

How much did you spend out of pocket for treatments?

Less than \$1,000

10% 3

More than \$1,000

0% 0

More than \$2,500

7% 2

More than \$5,000

7% 2

More than \$7,500

21% 6

More than \$10,000

21% 6

More than \$20,000

7% 2

More than \$30,000

3% 1

More than \$40,000

7% 2

More than \$50,000

3% 1

More than \$75,000

3% 1

More than \$100,000

10% 3

Would you say getting treatment for Lyme disease in Vermont is...

Not a Problem for Me

3% 1

Getting Increasingly Difficult

17% 5

Very Difficult

45% 13

Impossible

34% 10