

Re: Strange Illness For Over One Year, Please Help!

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"Susan" <nevermind@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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> ryancinman@xxxxxxx wrote:

>> Hi Susan,

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>> Lyme was one of the several tests ran by the infectious disease doctor.

>> Both ELISA and Western Blot performed by Mayo were negative (IGM, IGG).

>> No traces of current or prior infection.

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>> Also tested for Babesia, negative.

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>> Good thinking though.

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> Negative lab results are extremely common, even in fulminant,

> disseminated disease, for a variety of reasons. Even if you have quite

> a few bands specific for B.b on your western blot, Mayo won't report them.

There is the ANA that was positive which is interesting but not followed up as far as I can tell. Rheumatoid Arthritis RA titer serology or liver enzymes are not mentioned.

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> Other tests that should be run any time there's a suspicion of TBD are

> for the ehrlichiae (HGE, HME), bartonella, and other rickettsia. None

> of these tests are highly reliable, clinically.

Leukopenia is seen in TBD. Serology sucks. I would do PCR testing to supplement serology.

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> Clearly, this is only one of the possibilities in your case, but if no

> other cause is found and successfully treated in a case like yours, a

> trial of high dose oral doxycycline is often helpful, and it's

> inexpensive and safe.

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- > I didn't test positive for HGE, HME until I'd been on abx for 4 months,
- > but I'd been sick enough to be disabled for years.

Serology is not ideal in interpretation of clinical situations, false positives, past infections, subclinical infections etc.

I'd had many

- > positive WB bands for B.b while acutely ill, but due to the ridiculous
- > 1994 criteria, my WB was called negative.
- >
- > Susan

That's a problem with serology as you stated.

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