

Re: suck out pathogens with a mini-pump?

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greatcod, you crack me up....

I'm telling you guys that if you can find an outlet you need to purchase a "head steamer".

the sawing off your arm idea would work if you did it quickly enough. But see the problem is that in most cases the tick needs to be attached for 40+ hours before transmission. So a lot of the time if people sawed off their arms, it might be a waste because the ticks weren't on long enough. And if you chop your own arm or leg off because you were bitten by a tick I can guarantee a long stay at a mental institution. Not to mention what they'd do to you if you were bitten on the scrotum and chopped off your own balls.

In the middle ages, dog bites were often cauterized or seared to prevent rabies. Sometimes hands or arms were chopped off to prevent rabies. And this works, but in the case of rabies it's because the virus travels up the nerves to the brain as opposed to infection through the blood stream, and it usually would take weeks to months for the virus to get to your brain from a bite on the extremity.

Of course if you were bitten on your head or trunk by a rabid animal, you were basically screwed. Although a bite from a rabid animal doesn't always transmit the disease.

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